

Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting
Minutes to be approved September 2025
May 13, 2025, at 2:00 pm
Oxford Presbyterian Church

PREPARE

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

CRE Janet Miller, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 2:00 pm. The moderator reminded the assembly to report their good news and signs of hope. These were shared throughout the meeting. A quorum was declared.

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

A MOTION PREVAILED: to approve excused minister members and to give voice to Carla Rice, guest from Oxford Presbyterian. Attendance is in Appendix A.

A MOTION PREVAILED to adopt the updated docket found on the website.

The moderator welcomed first-time commissioners and recognized MWS Marc van Bulck, member of COM to introduce MWS Dan Hrach, HR, recently transferred from the Presbytery of the James. A brief memorial was shared for MWS Deborah Linville, HR and prayer was offered. (Appendix B)

The moderator invited a moment to pass the peace.

The moderator recognized MWS Lawrence Bartel to give the hospitality report and to share the Mission at Every Meeting opportunity. He called on RE Guy McElroy to give the land acknowledgement.

The moderator recognized the stated clerk who reported that the PILP 1st Quarter update had been received and acknowledged the minutes were to be approved in the consent agenda.

An update on the 2023 minute review was given stating that Blue Ball, Reily had their minutes reviewed and that Piqua Westminster's minutes would be read on May 9. The 2024-minute reading will be announced soon. The PMV minutes for 2024 will be read in October by the Synod of the Covenant. The stated clerk thanked all who had completed their statistical reports and reported that Immanuel Korean PC, Huntsville, Middletown St. Luke, Rushsylvania and Yellow Springs did not complete their reports. The PMV statistical reports are included in the consent agenda to be received. The assembly was reminded about commissioners for 2025-2026. It was announced that all of the GA amendments and the ecumenical agreements had been approved as of 4/21/25 except for 24C. Ministers of Word and Sacrament were reminded to pick up their minister cards at the registration table. New opportunities for boundary training and child protection will be available soon. The Synod of the Covenant is offering Child Protection Training this year. You can sign up on the Synod's website. Please submit any certificate of completion to the stated clerk.

The stated clerk pointed out the final report of the Administrative Commission for College Hill Community Church and thanked the AC for all of their work.

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve with gratitude the dismissal of the Administrative Commission for the College Hill Community Church. The final report and minutes have been received. (Appendix C & D)

The stated clerk called on MWS Jody Noble and RE Greg Eyler to give a report for the Administrative Commission for Corinth Presbyterian Church. (Appendix E)

The stated clerk reminded the assembly that hosts are needed for the February Zoom meeting, the September in person meeting, and the November Zoom meeting in 2026.

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

Reports and docket requests due by Aug. 22, 2025

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

Reports and docket requests due by October 24, 2025

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Membership and Minister Changes since the February 2025 stated presbytery meeting were reported:

- a. Gains: Rev. Dan Hrach (from the James)
- b. Losses: Rev. Lucinda Isaacs (to Cincinnati) Rev. Carol Pierson (to Missouri Union)
Rev. Deborah Linville (to the Lord's loving care) Rev. Emily Knoth (to Southern Kansas)
- c. In transition:

The Moderator recognized RE Michael Seewer, Chair of Leadership Council.

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the consent agenda as follows:

Stated Clerk:

Approve the following actions of the Stated Clerk:

1. **Minutes** of the February 8, 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 March 11, 2025, called presbytery meeting as distributed, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed. (Appendix F)
3. **Minutes** of the Administrative Commission to install MWS Cynthia Holder-Rich. (Appendix G)
4. **Minutes** of the Administrative Commission to install MWS Caitlin Deyerle. (Appendix H)
5. **Minutes** of the Administrative Commission to install MWS Jay Kim. (Appendix I)
6. **Receive** the presbytery's 2024 Annual Statistical Report that the Stated Clerk submitted to the Office of the General Assembly. (Appendix J)

Leadership Council:

Approve the action of the Leadership Council to: None

Receive the report of the Leadership Council:

- + **Approved** the following locations for the 2025 presbytery meetings.
 - o **May** – Oxford Presbyterian (2pm)
 - o **September** – Springfield Covenant (2pm)
 - o **November** – Zoom host – Good Shepherd, Piqua
- + **Affirmed** the approval of the property sale for Fairborn Presbyterian Church. (Appendix K)
- + **Approved** \$500 seed money from Board Restricted Fund 330200 (money that has been set aside for congregational vitality) to support ongoing collaboration between these churches.
- + **Approved** posting the Immigration Resources on the PMV website and to direct the Stated Clerk to send it to all clerks of session and pastors.
- + **Approved** withdrawing the Harassment Policy from the May agenda for further review.

Committee on Ministry:

Approve the action of the Committee on Ministry:

A MOTION Prevailed to recommend approval of a temporary waiver as requested by letter from Faith Presbyterian Church citing a variety of limitations, asking that the presbytery grant under G-2.0404 a temporary waiver, for a period not to exceed one year, in the term limits for the session to permit current officers who were in the class of 2024-2025 to continue to serve in an "acting" class of 2025-2026 during that time period, to be replaced as soon as feasible by a class of 2026-2027 duly elected by the congregation. (Appendix L)

Receive the report of the COM:

- + **approved** the Administrative Commission to install MWS Caitlin Deyerle for an undesignated term on March 16, 2025 at 4:00 pm at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton the following:
Moderator Lawrence Bartel, Oxford
MWS Robert Wade, HR
MWS John Neely, Westminster
RE Tori Statt, Westminster
RE Michele Slone, Urbana
- + **approved** the expenses for CRE Janet Miller – \$42.14, cards, \$22.40 mileage, \$31.17 pastoral care – total \$95.71 from account 501.200 COM operating budget.
- + **approved** the following contracts:
TRINITY – MWS Joe Whitt

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Approved the action of the session taken on the 1st day of January 2025 at a properly called meeting of the Session of the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Dayton, Ohio, to renew the part-time Stated Supply pastor appointment of the Rev. Joe Whitt, effective from Jan. 1, 2025 through Dec. 31, 2025. Services are as requested by the session through the Personnel Committee. The church agrees to compensate the Temporary Supply Pastor for services rendered according to the following fee schedule:

Worship Leadership (including preaching and administering sacraments)	\$300.00
Funeral Service (to be paid by the family)	\$100.00
Pastoral care visitation	\$27.00/hour
All other services as requested	\$27.00/hour

Mileage to be documented and reimbursed at the prevailing IRS rate.

Either the Session or the Temporary Supply Pastor can terminate the pastoral relationship with notice of at least 30 days.

Reily – MWS Tom Ramsey

Approved the action of the session taken on the 12th day of January 2025 at a properly called meeting of the Session of the Reily Presbyterian Church of Reily, Ohio, to renew the part-time (19 hours per week maximum) Stated Supply Pastor appointment of the Rev. Thomas Ramsey, effective from Jan. 1, 2025 through Dec. 31, 2025 and to reappoint him as the moderator of the session at the following terms:

Annual Cash Salary	\$24,204
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY	\$24,204
NO Board of Pensions	
Auto (@IRS rate)	\$ 1,000
Continuing Education	\$ 1,750
Professional Expenses	\$500
Total	\$27,454

Annual Leave

Vacation

4 weeks including 4 Sundays

Study Leave

2 weeks including 2 Sundays

The primary pastoral duties include: Sunday services including sacraments, pastoral care including funerals and weddings.

The stated supply relationship is for a maximum 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 Committee on Ministry. The Stated Supply pastor may terminate the contract with 60 days written notice and with the concurrence of the COM.

NOTE: There is no provision for Family Leave.

Approved the renewal of the part-time covenant between the Presbytery of the Miami Valley and CRE Janet Miller effective Jan. 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, at the following terms:

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:
- Paid by COM**
- a. Pastoral Care to Retired Ministers and surviving spouses \$20.78/hour + mileage
 - b. Pastoral Care to congregations as needed and approved \$20.78/hour + mileage @ current IRS rate (must be submitted within 60 days)
 - c. Documented expenses such as cards, stamps, etc.
- Paid by the congregation**
- d. Moderating a session or congregational meeting \$75.00 + mileage
 - e. Pastoral Care or other ministry service as requested by congregation \$20.78/hour + mileage @ current IRS rate (must be submitted within 60 days)
 - f. Pulpit Supply (sacraments included when approved)
 - i. For churches up to 250 members: \$150 + mileage
 - ii. For churches over 250 members: \$200 + mileage
 - iii. Additional compensation of \$75 for each additional service.
- C. This covenant is effective from Jan. 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, and is reevaluated annually as mutually agreeable, pending appropriate approval of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry and PMV.
- D. Either the Presbytery through the Committee on Ministry or the Commissioned Ruling Elder can terminate the pastoral relationship, with written notice of at least 30 days.
- Approved** Dayton, Southminster's MDP for the Associate Pastor with recommended updates to be approved by a team from COM and then the APNC can begin circulating the MDP. The team of MWS Annie Melick, MWS Lucinda Isaacs, and MWS Bob Wade will approve the updates.
- Approved** placing CRE Janet Miller on the pulpit supply list.
- Directed** the stated clerk to transfer MWS Dan Hrach from the Presbytery of the James to PMV.
- Approved** placing MWS Dan Hrach to the pulpit supply list.
- Approved** the request from Ostrander PC and to permit MWS Greg Menssen to serve as pulpit supply on Sunday evenings and to permit him to labor outside the bounds of PMV. This will be reviewed in three months. The Stated Clerk will let the stated clerk at Scioto Valley know.
- Requested** the Presbytery of the Miami Valley authorize the Presbytery Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission of 5 members to carry out the recommendation of the COM concerning the disorder at Corinth Presbyterian Church. [G-3.0109 (4) & (5)] *This request was approved by PMV at the March called meeting.*
- Permitted** the Stated Clerk to make changes as needed following the discussion of the recommendation.
- Requested** the presbytery moderator to call a special meeting for the purpose of approving the Administrative Commission. *It was called for March.*
- Approved**, if the way be clear, the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between Sidney Presbyterian Church and MWS Carol Pierson effective March 31. A congregational meeting is scheduled for March 2, which MWS Terry Kukuk will moderate, and the stated clerk is directed to move MWS Carol Pierson to Member-at-Large list as of March 31.
- Appointed** MWS Josh Rodriguez as moderator beginning in March 2025 for Sidney.
- + **approved** the Administrative Commission to install Rev. Jay Kim for an undesignated term on April 6, 2025 at 4:00 pm at Wilmington Presbyterian Church, the following:
- Rev. Terry Kukuk - Executive Presbyter, Miami Valley Presbytery
- RE Janet Miller - Moderator, Bath
- Rev. Annie Melick - Pastor, First Presbyterian Church in Eaton.

RE Bruce Saunders - Elder, Presbyterian Church of Wilmington

+ **approved** serving communion at the Installation service for Jay Kim

+ **approved** the dismissal of MWS Lucinda Isaacs, VAL, to Cincinnati Presbytery and to instruct the stated clerk to transfer her at their request.

+ **adopted** the practice on pastoral calls and discernment to be reported to the PMV.

+ **approved** the dismissal of MWS Carol Pierson (if the way be clear) to Missouri Union Presbytery and to direct the stated clerk to transfer her membership on request.

Approved following covenant.

A. Elder Mike Buker agrees to provide pastoral leadership and guidance in the following ways:

1. To provide leadership and guidance as the church may require during the period of this commission.
2. To preach and involve the congregation in worship, thereby facilitating spiritual growth.
3. To administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper if authorized by the Presbytery and the Session.
4. To perform weddings and funerals if authorized by the Presbytery and the Session and in accordance with the laws of the State of Ohio.
5. To provide pastoral care, including visitation.
6. To advise the Personnel Committee, serve ex-officio with the Nominating Committee, act as a resource to other committees as necessary.
7. To maintain personal growth programs through formal and informal study as required and as appropriate.
8. To attend meetings of the Miami Presbytery.
9. To participate in evaluations of the pastoral experience with the Committee on Ministry.
10. The Commissioned Ruling Elder will be under the supervision of the Rev. Cliff Haddox as mentor, and the Ruling Elder will serve as Moderator of Session and Congregational Meetings.
11. The Commissioned Ruling Elder shall remain a member of the Central Presbyterian Church.
12. The Commissioned Ruling Elder will only perform pastoral duties for the church named in this agreement and will cease all pastoral functions 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. Support the Commissioned Ruling Elder in the church's ministry to the community.
3. Providing clerical assistance as needed.
4. Participating in evaluation during and at termination of the pastorate.

C. This Commissioned Ruling Elders service will be part-time at 14-hours weekly.

D. This covenant is effective June 1, 2025 through June 1, 2026 then re-evaluate on an annual basis as mutually agreeable, pending the appropriate approval of the Presbytery's Committee on Ministry.

The church agrees to provide the following compensation to the Commissioned Ruling Elder:

Salary	\$ 1,600.00
Mileage & Professional Expense Reimbursement	1,650.00
Continuing Education Allowance	1,750.00

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Housing Allowance	13,000.00
Total Package	\$18,000.00

E. Vacation, at one week per quarter, cumulative to one month per year. 4 weeks including 4 Sundays

Study leave, at one week per six months. 2 weeks including 2 Sundays

F. Either the session or the pastor can initiate termination of the Commissioned Ruling Elder relationship, providing notice of at least four weeks is provided.

Approved the mission study for Bellefontaine UPC with recommendations and to permit the session to call a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.

Approved participating in the Good Futures Accelerator at a cost of \$1750 to be paid from the COM operating budget 501200. Cost for churches to participate will be \$375.

Approved the contract between RE Cody Myers and the Sidney Presbyterian Church as Pulpit Supply Pastor (PSP) from June 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025. Employment Duties and Expectations include: the PSP will lead worship services and preach three (3) Sundays per month at the Church. The PSP will weekly and for special Church services produce a bulletin and liturgy for all Church services and will work with other pulpit supply pastors and the church music director to produce said bulletins. The PSP is to reasonably maintain and lead the Church's youth group on a cycle reflecting the school calendar. The PSP will also, at least weekly, send a congregational update email to the Church's email list as well as reasonably continue to maintain and update the Church's Facebook profile. The PSP is not to lead worship services or preach at other Congregations without prior approval of the Session of the Church. While the Church does not have set working hours for PSPs given variable scheduling, it is anticipated that the PSP will work approximately 10-15 hours most weeks, with some weeks requiring more hours to be worked. Compensation will be \$1500 per month.

HERE ENDS THE CONSENT AGENDA

Encouragement was given to the assembly to sign up for Constant Contact, the Facebook page and the YouTube channel. It was announced that Immigration Information and Resources are available on the PMV website and have been sent out to clerks of session and pastors.

The moderator recognized RE Ivy Young, treasurer, for a financial report. (Appendix M)

EQUIP

Due to other commitments no one from the Synod was available but sent a video to share.

The moderator recognized MWS Terry Kukuk for the Executive Presbyter's report. The assembly was challenged to answer questions about denominational related colleges and seminary's for a chance to win a book. An invitation to make suggestions about equipping needs on the form that was distributed should be given to MWS Jody Noble. The Ruling Elder Presiding at Communion training was shared and a save the date invitation for a gathering on August 23 to work with Tod Bolsinger. RE Marge Morgan will be acting EP from June – August while MWS Terry Kukuk is on sabbatical. Gratitude for the sabbatical was expressed. The 2025 FOCI will be the focus for the time away.

The moderator recognized RE Michael Seewer, Leadership Council chair who explained the withdrawal of the Harassment Policy. More dialogue and discernment is needed following questions and comments.

Trustees requested the following change in policy to bring the presbytery into alignment with the State of Ohio requirements for nonprofits.

A MOTION PREVAILED to change the Trustee Policy to read in Section 1.02, number 3:

Serving as the Trustees of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley; the Chairperson of the Presbytery Trustees shall be the President of the Corporation, the Stated Clerk shall be the Secretary of the Corporation, and the Treasurer shall be the Treasurer of the Corporation or in the event the presbytery no longer has a treasurer, the Trustees will appoint a treasurer for the corporation.

The moderator recognized MWS Marc van Bulck to give the COM report. A new practice has been added to the COM Policy and Practice on Congregational Voting and Call Approval and is reported here as required. (Appendix N)

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A Motion Prevailed to approve the recommissioning, during worship at the September meeting, of CRE Mike Buker as required by the Book of Order (G-2.1001) and to continue serving at Bradford Presbyterian Church.

The Honey Creek Session has requested that the Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission for Honey Creek Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle.

Administrative Commission to Honey Creek Presbyterian Church recommendation:

+ PC(USA) Book of Order, G-3.0109 b (5), Administrative Commissions:

Administrative commissions are designated to consider and conclude matters not involving ecclesiastical judicial process, except that in the discharge of their assigned responsibilities they may discover and report to the designating council matters that may require judicial action by the council.

Functions that may be entrusted to administrative commissions include, but are not limited to:

(5) (by presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly) visiting particular councils, congregations, or agencies over which they have immediate jurisdiction reported to be affected with disorder, and inquiring into and settling the difficulties therein, except that no commission of a presbytery shall be empowered to dissolve a pastoral relationship without the specific authorization by the designating body (G-2.0901).

Background on Request for an Administrative Commission

The Session from the Honey Creek Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle has requested that an administrative commission be appointed to assist them in discerning the future of the church. They are at a point where some session members believe it is time to close the church due to significant financial struggles. Upkeep on the property is becoming a challenge for an aging congregation. Some members have died or moved away.

Other members recognize these restraints but would like to consider other options as opposed to simply dissolving the congregation.

Purpose:

The Committee on Ministry recommends pursuant to the Book of Order provisions G-3.0109b (4) & (5) 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 Honey Creek 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, Pastor, and congregation to determine the best option for Honey Creek Presbyterian Church to include but not limited to:
 - + enter a shared ministry with another congregation,
 - + merge with another congregation,
 - + sell the property and other assets with proceeds being used to support the congregation as they find a place to nest,
 - + sell part of the property and use the assets to continue worshipping in place and develop a strategy to grow,
 - + dissolve the current congregation and dispose of some or all property, (see the authority of the AC in the event of closure below)
- b. Providing at least two (2) members of the Administrative Commission to attend all Session meetings with voice (but no vote) and to provide leadership where necessary and appropriate,
- c. Keeping accurate minutes of AC actions for the Presbytery,
- d. Reporting its progress to the Committee on Ministry monthly,
- e. 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
- f. Providing regular reports to the Presbytery of the Miami Valley at all stated meetings thereafter until completion.

Scope and Authority

It is further recommended that this Administrative Commission be granted authority and power:

- a. To investigate and determine if the reported division in the session is present and recommend ways to work together.
- b. Working with the Session, Pastor, and congregation to determine the best option for Honey Creek Presbyterian Church to include but not limited to:
 - +enter a shared ministry with another congregation (see BOP options),
 - + merge with another congregation,
 - + sell the property and other assets with proceeds being used to support the congregation as they find a place to nest,
 - + sell part of the property and use the assets to continue worshipping in place and develop a strategy to grow,
 - +dissolve the current congregation and dispose of some or all property, (see the authority of the AC in the event of closure below)
- c. To call meetings with the Session, Pastor, committees, or congregation as needed.
- d. To cite members of the Session, Pastor, and congregation to participate in listening sessions.
- e. To attend all Session and Congregational meetings (with voice).
- f. To advise on ways to resolve any disorder that is discovered and work to bring about reconciliation.
- g. To provide leadership as necessary and appropriate.
- h. To report to the designating council matters that may require judicial action by the council.
- i. To make recommendations to the presbytery through the COM concerning the pastoral relationship.
- j. If it is determined by the Administrative Commission that the Session of Honey Creek Presbyterian Church in New Carlisle, Ohio cannot exercise its authority, or is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs, the Administrative Commission of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, after a thorough investigation and a full opportunity to be heard is given to all parties involved, has the authority to assume original jurisdiction with full powers of the Session, in which case the Session of the Honey Creek Presbyterian Church will cease to act until such time as the Presbytery shall otherwise direct (G-3.0303e).
- k. Adopt the following specific authorities and responsibilities for the Administrative Commission to conduct its mandate if nesting or merging is the best option:
G-3.0109b (4)
The Administrative Commission (AC) of the Honey Creek Presbyterian Church, New Carlisle, OH in consultation with the church's session and congregation, shall:
 - i. Plan listening sessions with the congregation to determine the support or non-support,
 - ii. Help facilitate conversations between congregations to discuss merger or shared ministry,
 - iii. Develop an overview of the shared ministry or merger,
 - iv. Develop a budget,
 - v. Assist in the disposition of the property or parts of the property as required and determine the use of the proceeds,
- l. adopt the following specific authorities and responsibilities for the Administrative Commission to carry out its mandate if dissolution is the final decision:
 - i. The Administrative Commission (AC) of the Honey Creek Presbyterian Church, New Carlisle, OH in consultation with the church's session and congregation, shall:
 - a. Arrange for all liabilities of the church to be paid in full.
 - b. 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. 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.

- c. Consult with an Attorney at law for any associated licenses or certifications for ongoing ministries and missions controlled by the congregation.
- d. Determine the use of undesignated mission funds.
- e. Arrange for ways to address the pastoral care of the congregation and transfer of membership upon dissolution of the congregation.
- f. Arrange for transfer of session and financial records to the presbytery.
- g. Determine an appropriate schedule for the congregation's last worship service and celebration.
- h. Dissolve the congregation's corporation under state law.
- i. Dissolve the congregation after the last worship service.
- j. Prepare minutes of its proceedings and a final report upon completion of its actions that will be reported at stated meetings of the presbytery.
- m. 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 Leadership Council to approve and grant the AC additional or clarifying authority. The Leadership Council shall report on any such authority granted to the AC to the next stated presbytery meeting.

A MOTION PREVAILED for the Moderator of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley to appoint an Administrative Commission for Honey Creek Presbyterian Church as described above. The Moderator of the Presbytery is to appoint the members according to our bylaws Article VI, Section 6.02.

NURTURE

The moderator recognized MWS Emily Haddox, Committee on Preparation for Ministry Chair who reported that PMV has 2 Inquirers, 2 Candidates in the process, 2 candidates certified ready to seek a call, 1 Christian Educator in training and 1 Certified Ruling Elder in training. Candidate Bethany Stewart was introduced and shared some of her story.

The moderator recognized RE Marge Morgan, Nominating Committee Chair to present the slate for election.

A MOTION PREVAILED to elect the following slate:

Officers 2025-2026

MWS Lawrence Bartel, Moderator, Oxford

MWS Diane Ziegler, Vice Moderator, Bellbrook

RE Janet Miller, LC Moderator, Bath

RE Kathleen Seewer, Fairborn, Recording Clerk

Leadership Council (LC)

Class of 2027

RE Mike Gardner, Springboro, Covenant

Class of 2028

MWS Carmen Garrigan, VAL

MWS Joe Hinds, Fairborn (2nd term)

vacant

Committee on Ministry (COM)

Chair	RE Jim Griffin, Northminster
Vice Chair	MWS Annie Melick, Eaton
Class of 2026	MWS Josh Rodriguez, Piqua, Westminster
Class of 2027	vacant
	vacant
Class of 2028	MWS Annie Melick, Eaton (2nd term)
	RE Larry White, Bellbrook
	RE Michael Seewer, Fairborn
	MWS Daria Schaffnit, Yellow Springs
	MWS Cliff Haddox, Dayton, Central
	RE Jay Peterson, Honey Creek, New Carlisle

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

Chair	MWS Emily Haddox, Bath
Class of 2028	MWS Nancy Hodgkins, Dayton Westminster
	MWS Ted Dennis, Belle Center
	RE Cyndi Wakeland, Xenia United

Network Support and Grants – there are multiple vacancies on this committee

Chair	MWS Jody Noble, Springfield, Covenant
Class of 2027	MWS Julia Williamson, Faith, Huber Heights
Class of 2028	MWS Nancy Birdsong, Dayton, Southminster
	MWS Jody Noble, Springfield, Covenant
	RE Cheryl Paquette, Dayton, Westminster

Nominating Committee (NOM)

Chair	MWS Caitlin Deyerle, Dayton, Westminster
Class of 2026	MWS Marcy Bain, VAL
Class of 2028	MWS Stan Gockel, Dayton Southminster
	vacant

Committee on Representation and Diversity (CoRD)

Co-Chairs	MWS Francisco Pelaez-Diaz, VAL
	MWS Justin Miller, Middletown First
Class of 2028	MWS Justin Miller, Middletown First

Trustees (Trst)

Chair	MWS Kazy Hinds, MAL
Class of 2028	RE Brian Sharp, Dayton Westminster
	RE Kathleen Seewer, Fairborn

Staff Support (SS)

Co-chairs	RE Janice Kronour, Slifers
	vacant
Class of 2028	RE Janice Kronour, Slifers
	MWS Cynthia Holder Rich, Corinth

Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC)

Class of 2028	RE Georgie Woessner, Dayton Westminster (partial term)
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The moderator attempted to recognize someone from Network Support and Grants but no representative from the committee was present.

The moderator acknowledged the written reports received from Staff Support and the Committee on Representation and Diversity and gave her final report as moderator. (Appendix O)

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The Moderator called for a 10 minute break before worship.

Worship was led by the following participants: CRE Janet Miller, MWS Lawrence Bartel, MWS Diane Ziegler, Carla Rice, and MWS Lynn Bova. It included a prayer before the reading of the names from the necrology report (Appendix P), a message titled No Planet B based on Genesis 1: 1, 26-31 and Luke 16: 19-25, Communion, and the Installation of officers. Following Worship the newly installed moderator, MWS Lawrence Bartel, gave a report introducing his desire to strengthen the quality of relationships throughout the presbytery.

The moderator reminded the assembly of the variety of announcements found in the papers for the meeting.

CONNEC 7

The moderator adjourned the meeting with directions for dinner, grace and prayer at 4:53 pm.

Our next stated presbytery meeting

Tuesday, September 9, 2025 at 2:00 pm

At Covenant Presbyterian Church

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May 13, 2025

Presbytery of the Miami Valley

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