

Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting
ORDER OF THE DOCKET
February 14, 2026, 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>

Registration for the meeting or requests to be excused can be found here:
<https://miamipresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting-registration/>

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

8:45 am Gathering on Zoom

9:00 am Convening Prayer & Welcome

MWS Lawrence Bartel, Moderator

+ **Declaration of Quorum**

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+ **Zoom Protocols (ZP)**

+ **Election of Stated Clerks**

RE Janet Miller

ON MOTION: that MWS Terry Kukuk be elected Clerk *Pro Tempore* as both the corporate and ecclesiastical officer, and that RE Marge Morgan be elected Interim Associate Stated Clerk, to handle record keeping functions only and that she be granted voice and vote.

+ **Formation of the Roll**

RE Marge Morgan

ON MOTION: to seat, with voice corresponding members MWS Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario, Synod of the Covenant Associate Executive for Racial Justice and MWS Luke Choi, Board of Pensions; to give voice to RE Megan Worcester for a report from the Columbia Network; and to approve ## excused minister members of PMV.

+ **Adoption of the FINAL Docket (A-1) – *The FINAL docket was posted on the website when the final call for the meeting went out.***

ON MOTION: Adoption of the FINAL Docket

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

Hospitality Report

+ **Good News and Greetings:** Piqua: Good Shepherd (I-1, I-2)

RE Sandra Kerns

We Worship Together

Committee on Ministry Report

RE Jim Griffin, Chair

+ **Memorial – MWS William Philips (A-2)**

MWS Don Sherman & RE Greg Eyler

**O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine
Alleluia, Alleluia**

Stated Clerk's Report

RE Marge Morgan

+ **Correspondence** – Letter of introduction from the Rev. Rachel Anderson, the new **U.S.-Facing Global Ecumenical Liaison (US-GEL)** for the synods of Covenant, Lakes and Prairies, Lincoln Trails, and Living Waters (S-1, 2, 3)

+ **Minutes** are included in the consent agenda (A-12) including:
Minutes of November 2025 stated meeting (A-3)

+ **Reports of Administrative Commissions**

- Report of the Administrative Commission for Honey Creek Church (A-4) – oral report by AC Chair MWS Bruce Miller
- Report of the Administrative Commission for Corinth Church. (A-5) - oral report by AC member MWS Jody Noble
- Report of the Administrative Commission for St. Luke Church (A-6)
- Report of the Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Jody Noble (A-7)
- Report of the Administrative Commission to Install Rev. Daria Schaffnit (A-8)
- Report of the Administrative Commission to Ordain Candidate Caroline Eader (A-9)

+ **Membership and Minister Changes** since the November 2025 stated presbytery meeting:

- **Gains:** The Rev. Stan Gockel (MOAD at Fairborn)
The Rev. Caroline Eader (ordained 1/18/26)
- **Losses:** The Rev. Wm. (Bill) Philips to God's tender care
- **In transition:** The Rev. Caroline Eader to Whitewater
- **Other changes:** The Rev. Lynette Bova to Retired
The Rev. Frank Rupnik to MAL

+ **Other information** (A-10 & 11)

Leadership Council Report

RE Janet Miller, Chair

+ **ON MOTION:** Approval of the Consent Agenda (A-12)

+ **Network Support & Grants**

MWS Jody Noble

+ **Consideration of Action Items**, if any, pulled from the Consent Agenda.

+ **Announcements & Information:**

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Treasurer's Report (A- 13, 14, 15)

RE Ivy Young, Treasurer

Synod Report

MWS Ruth-Aimée Belonni-Rosario

Executive Presbyter's Report

MWS Terry Kukuk

Board of Pensions Report

MWS Luke Choi

Moderator's Report (I-3)

MWS Lawrence Bartel, Moderator

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report (S-4)

MWS Emily Haddox, Chair

- + **ON MOTION:** CPM requests Presbytery's approval for the use of alternate examinations for Worship and Sacraments, Exegesis, and Theology for Haley Ingram Onken, using the guidelines from the Task Force on Theology and Practice of Ordination. **This requires a ¾ vote (G-2.0610).**

Nominating Committee Report

MWS Caitlin Deyerle

- + **ON MOTION:** elect the following persons to PMV committees:
Committee on Ministry (Class of 2027), RE Michele Slone (Urbana: First)
Trustees (Class of 2027), RE Patti Jones-Logan (Troy: First)

Committee on Representation & Diversity Report (S-5)

MWS Francisco Pelaez-Diaz

- + **ON MOTION:** to concur with the Presbytery of San Jose's Overture "On Taking Action to Repudiate Christian Nationalism and Affirm Our Faith Commitments"

Committee & Network Reports

- + Colombia Network 30th Anniversary RE Megan Worcester
- + Collaborative Congregations MWS Emily Haddox

Acknowledgement of Written Reports

MWS Lawrence Bartel, Moderator

Announcements (I-4)

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

MWS Lawrence Bartel, Moderator

Our next stated presbytery meeting
Tuesday, May 12, 2026 at 2:00 pm
At The Bellbrook Presbyterian Church
72 West Franklin Street, Bellbrook, OH 45305
937-848-2378

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