

Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting
MINUTES to be approved February 2026
November 8, 2025, at 9:00 am
Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, Dayton

PREPARE

MWS Lawrence Bartel, Moderator, called the meeting to order with prayer at 9:00 am and welcomed everyone. The moderator declared a quorum. After welcoming the assembly, he thanked Sugar Creek Presbyterian for hosting the meeting. The moderator shared that there would be opportunities to share moments of thanksgiving throughout the meeting with a call and response.

The moderator recognized MWS Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk, for the formation of the roll. **(APPENDIX A)**

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve 18 minister members and other commissioners.

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

The moderator recognized RE Jim Griffin, chair of the Committee on Ministry, who welcomed Rev. Curtis Baxter, retired, to the presbytery. The moderator welcomed first time commissioners and took time to pass the peace of Christ.

The moderator recognized MWS Amy Duiker who shared the hospitality report, the Mission at Every Meeting recipient, St. Vincent de Paul Emergency Shelter for Women and Families and shared the land acknowledgement and encouraging the assembly to support indigenous people. A brief report on the summit on affordable housing was shared.

The moderator recognized the stated clerk who reported that correspondence from PILP was received. The stated clerk reminded the assembly that the September minutes would be approved in the consent agenda. The clerk reported that the following churches have not completed their minute review as of Nov. 8: Blue Ball, Dayton Central, College Hill Community, IKPC, Dayton Southminster, Dayton Westminster, Huntsville, Jamestown, Middletown St. Luke, Piqua Westminster, Troy, Urbana, and Yellow Springs. All other churches were approved with no exceptions. The final report on minute reading will be presented in February, 2026. The stated clerk reported that the Presbytery of the Miami Valley's 2024 minutes were approved without exception on October 23, 2025 by the Synod of the Covenant. The dates for the statistical reports were shared. The stated clerk reminded the group that copies of the 2025-2027 Book of Order are available for \$8 at registration.

The stated clerk reminded the assembly that boundary training certificates should be sent to the stated clerk.

The stated clerk shared that the final report from the Rushsylvania Administrative Commission was in the papers including the final sale of the following parcels and restrictions. **(APPENDIX B)**

PARCEL ONE: Situated in the County of Logan, State of Ohio, and Village of Rushsylvania, in Rushcreek Township, and being in V.M.S. 9909. Beginning at a stake in the east line of Sandusky Street and southwest corner of lot formerly owned and occupied by Mary E. Drumm; thence eastward with said Drumm's south line 150 feet to a stake southeast corner to said Drumm's lot; thence south and parallel with Sandusky Street, 50 feet to a stake; thence westward and parallel with the first mentioned line, 150 feet to a stake in the east line of Sandusky Street; thence north and with said east line of Sandusky Street, 50 feet to the place of beginning, containing 0.18 of an acre, more or less. Parcel No. 42-038-18-12-009-000 (Lot 30)

PARCEL TWO: Situated in the County of Logan, State of Ohio, and Village of Rushsylvania, in Rushcreek Township, and being part of Military Survey 13446. Beginning at a stake S. 81° W. one pole from the southwest corner of William Bruce's lot; thence S. 81° W. 12.7 poles to a stake; thence N. 33-1/2° E. 14.2 poles to a stake; thence S. 56-1/2° E. 9 poles; thence S. 33- 1/2° W. 5 poles to the beginning, containing one-half (1/2) acre, more or less. Parcel No. 42-038-18-12-008-000

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Subject to all legal highways, conditions, restrictions and easements of record, if any, and the following restriction:

The Grantee shall be restricted from selling the above-described premises to any person or entity that is not a church or charitable organization, as defined in Ohio Revised Code Section 1716.01(A)(1), for a period of 10 years unless otherwise granted written release of this restriction by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

Prior Instrument Reference: Deed Volume 380, Page 714; Deed Volume 380, Page 711

A MOTION PREVAILED to dismiss the Administrative Commission for Rushsylvania with gratitude.

The stated clerk then read the report from the Administrative Commission for Corinth Presbyterian Church to the assembly. (APPENDIX C)

MWS Joe Hinds was recognized by the moderator to give the report of the Administrative Commission for Honey Creek and RE Cindi Cook shared an invitation to the final worship service and retirement of the pastor. (APPENDIX D)

The stated clerk shared that there was a written report from the Administrative Commission for St. Luke, Middletown (APPENDIX E) and announced the members of the commission: RE Marty Hensler, FPC Middletown, RE Marge Morgan, Sugar Creek, RE Gidget Collins, CRE for Seven Mile, member at Fairmont, MWS Marc van Bulck, Oxford, and MWS Tom Ramsey, Reily. The 2026 PMV stated meeting dates and places were announced the stated clerk thanked the host churches.

2026	
Shepherd	Saturday February 14, 2026, 9:00a.m., ZOOM, Host: Piqua Good
	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
Church	Tuesday, September 8, 2026, 2:00 p.m., Host: Wilmington Presbyterian
	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 September 2025 stated presbytery meeting:

- a. Gains: Curtis Baxter (Chicago)
- b. Losses:
- c. In transition:
- d. Change within PMV: Daria Schaffnit to Southminster

The moderator recognized CRE Janet Miller, chair 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 September 9, 2025, stated presbytery meeting as distributed, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed.

Received the Reports of the Treasurer

1. **Received** the treasurer's report for September 2025, the balance sheet for September 2025 and the giving pledges from churches through September 2025. (APPENDIX F)

Approved the action of the Leadership Council to:

1. **Recommended** for approval by the presbytery, the recommendation of the Trustees for the 2026 Budget including the terms of call for the Executive Presbyter.

Approved the action of the Committee on Ministry:

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Auto (@ current IRS rate)

\$500

Continuing Education

\$1,750

(required: must meet entire presbytery minimum including part-time work - \$1750 for 2025)

Professional Expenses/Books

\$1,500

TOTAL COMPENSATION

\$96,898

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 6 weeks.

+ **Received** MWS Curtis Baxter, HR, from Chicago Presbytery, following the pending the

comprehensive background check.

+ **Approved** the contract for Pastoral Affiliate for pastoral care between Westminster, Dayton

and Rev. Baxter, if the way be clear. Terms are part time, (10-15 hours) at \$30/hour.

+ **Approved** the Pastoral Affiliate contract between Rev. Dan Hrach and First Presbyterian,

Middletown for up to 20 hours a week, payable at \$2000.00 per month, plus mileage reimbursement at the federal rate.

Here Ends the Consent Agenda

The moderator recognized MWS Cynthia Holder Rich to speak to each overture for 2 minutes before debate. Each person will be given 2 minutes to speak.

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the overture “Call for Investigation of the Restructure of PCUSA World Mission” and send it to General Assembly for consideration. **(APPENDIX G)**

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the overture “Calling for a New Missiological Statement for the Presbyterian Church” and send it to General Assembly for consideration. **(APPENDIX H)**

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the overture “On Prohibiting Non-Disclosure Covenants in Employee Relations” and send it to General Assembly for consideration. **(APPENDIX I)**

The moderator recognized MWS Kazy Hinds to present the budget for 2026 including the terms of call for the Executive Presbyter, MWS Terry Kukuk. A narrative budget was shared including highlights from 2025.

A MOTION PREVAILED approve the 2026 Budget **(APPENDIX J)** including the Terms of Call for the

Executive Presbyter MWS Terry

Salary \$62,742

Housing \$22,000

SECA \$6,765

BOP Pension & Disability \$9074

BOP Medical \$15,216

Prof. Exp. \$9,000

Supplemental Medical \$6000

Continuing Education \$3,000

TOTAL Package \$133,797

The Leadership Council Chair reminded the assembly to sign up for Constant Contact & Facebook

EQUIP

The moderator recognized MWS Chip Hardwick, Synod of the Covenant Executive, for a report. Presbytery members were recognized for serving at the Synod in various capacities and shared scholarship and grant information. A virtual Christmas worship service will again be provided. Other information was shared concerning the preaching cohorts and an opening for a controller. The moderator thanked the SOC Executive for his leadership in sharing news from the synod.

The moderator recognized MWS Terry Kukuk, Executive Presbyter, who shared a bit of trivia. The Good Futures Accelerator program was highlighted noting it will formally begin early in 2026.

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The stated clerk's retirement was celebrated and a gift was presented. A few other announcements were made.

NURTURE

MWS Emily Haddox, Chair of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry was recognized by the moderator and share information about candidates and inquirers and offered a prayer for those being shepherded.

The moderator recognized MWS Caitlin Deyerle, Chair of the Nominating Committee.

A MOTION PREVAILED to approve the slate as presented:

Nominating Committee

Class of 2028 Larry Hollar, College Hill Community Church

Synod Commissioner

3 year term MWS Mike Wakeland, Xenia (will be serving as

moderator)

GA Commissioners

MWS 2026 MWS Cynthia Holder Rich, Corinth

YAAD 2026

MWS Alternate MWS Caitlin Deyerle

RE Alternate

YAAD alternate

(Note: the RE Commissioner Alice McCollum was elected in September.)

A MOTION PREVAILED to permit the Nominating Committee to fill the remaining slots – alternates and YAAD slot if possible.

The moderator recognized MWS Mike Wakeland, Synod Commissioner, and offered congratulations on his election as Synod of the Covenant Moderator. A lectionary group has formed and meets on zoom for anyone interested.

The moderator recognized MW Jody Noble, chair of Network Support and Grants who shared information about APCE Scholarships available for both in person and on line attendance. The support of campus ministries was lifted up and CRE Janet Miller was invited to share information about the Colombia Network and the plan for celebrating 30 years of partnership. Additional information about forming networks will be coming in 2026.

The moderator recognized MWS Marcy Bain, member of the Committee on Representation and Diversity who invited questions about the Overture from San Jose Presbytery about Christian Nationalism. We will vote on concurrence at the February meeting. Questions about the overture were entertained.

The moderator recognized RE Janice Kronour, chair of Staff Support who shared information about the search for a Stated Clerk and the updated job description. Prayer for the committee was encouraged.

The moderator recognized MWS Lynn Bova, Stated Clerk who expressed gratitude to the many commissioners and staff who supported her ministry. She thanked the recording secretary, Kathleen Seewer for her dedicated service.

The moderator, MWS Lawrence Bartel share his report noting opportunities for building relationship and community in the PMV. The assembly was encouraged to sit with people they do not know at lunch. The moderator then announced the Colombia celebration being planned, the Honey Creek invitation to celebrate the 221 years of ministry and the installation of MWS Jody Noble on November 9, 2025 at 3 pm.

The moderator called for a 10 minute break before worship

CONNEX

We Worship Together

Participants – MWS Lynn Bova preaching, Sugar Creek Bell Ringers, Steven Estep (musician), RE Jay Peterson, RE Janice Kronour, MWS Terry Kukuk

Communion -- MWS Lynn Bova, MWS Amy Duiker, RE Dennis Bova, RE Cindi Cook

The moderator adjourned the meeting with prayer at 12:48 pm and announced the next stated meeting on Saturday, February 14, 2026 at 9:00 a.m. On Zoom – hosted by Piqua, Good Shepherd.

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Submitted by:

Lynette H Bova, Stated Clerk

APPENDICES – (Information for appendices can be found in the November packet)

APPENDIX A - Attendance

APPENDIX B – Administrative Commission for Rushsylvania Final Report and Property sale

APPENDIX C – Administrative Commission for Corinth report

APPENDIX D – Administrative Commission for Honey Creek report

APPENDIX E – Administrative Commission for St. Luke, Middletown

APPENDIX F – Financial reports to date

APPENDIX G – Overture to GA - “Call for Investigation of the Restructure of PCUSA World Mission”

APPENDIX H – Overture to GA - “Calling for a New Missiological Statement for the Presbyterian Church”

APPENDIX I – Overture to GA - “On Prohibiting Non-Disclosure Covenants in Employee Relations”

APPENDIX J – 2026 Budget including EP terms of call