Presbytery of the Miami Valley Stated Meeting

Minutes – to be approved Nov. 2026
Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
In Person at the Wilmington Presbyterian Church

Opening:

MWS Diane Ziegler Moderator called the meeting to order at 2.00 p.m. She welcomed everyone and opened the meeting with prayer. She declared a quorum was present.

Formation of the Roll:

RE Marge Morgan, Interim Associate Stated Clerk, was asked for the Formation of the Roll. A motion was made to excuse seven (7) minister members of Word and Sacrament, and to form the roll from the signatures on the registration sheets. (Appendix A). There were no Corresponding Members present. **Motion Carried.**

Adoption of the Final Docket (A-1): *The final docket was posted on the website when the final call for the meeting was sent out.* A motion was made to adopt the Final Docket as posted. **Motion Carried.**

The Moderator recognized first-time commissioners. More than six (6) RE Commissioners were in attendance for the first time.

Hospitality Report, Greetings and Land Acknowledgement:

The Moderator recognized RE Bruce Saunders from the host church, Wilmington Presbyterian, to present the Greetings and Hospitality report. Bruce welcomed everyone and invited them to take a handmade greeting card when they departed for home. He provided a brief history of the Wilmington church, their various ministry projects, and information about the location of the building facilities and the location of the meal after the meeting. RE Jim Gillette provided the Land Acknowledgement. The Shawnee were the largest group in this area.

Committee on Ministry Report (Part 1)

MWS Annie Melick presented the Memorial for RE Marilyn Siegwarth Edwards, former Associate Executive Presbyter from 1988-1994. (Appendix B).

Stated Clerk's Report:

RE Marge Morgan, Interim Associate Stated Clerk, presented the report.

Minutes of May 12, 2026, Stated Meeting (A-3), were included in the Consent Agenda.

Reports of Administrative Commissions

Two Administrative Commission reports are among the documents noted for this meeting. The AC report for Corinth Church is noted as (Appendix C). Corinth held their last worship service at the building on Corinth Blvd. on August 30, 2026 which was well attended by many throughout the Presbytery. The building will be auctioned in October. The congregation held their first worship service in a building owned by Ohmer Park United Methodist church on Arbor Ave. Ongoing discussions between the AC and church will discern the next steps when the lease with the Ohmer Park church ends.

The AC for St. Luke Church is noted as (Appendix D). The church is in a season of discernment.

Membership and Minister Changes, since May 12, 2026 stated presbytery meeting:

- Gains: None

- Losses: None
- In transition: MWS Caroline Eader to Whitewater Valley
- Other changes: MWS Ben Beres from Huntsville to Springboro Covenant
  MWS Kelley Shin to Retired

Former Members of the Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley: The following roster of former PJC members is included to meet the Book of Order requirement of the following report to appear in the minutes each year: D3.0602 b 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."

Class of 2026
RE Eliot Heflin, Jr. (Dayton: Trinity)
MWS Joe Hinds (Retired)
MWS Jocelyn Sheldon (Retired)

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 (Retired) 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 (Retired)

IRS Mileage: The IRS raised the mileage reimbursement to $0.76/mile effective July 1, 2026.

Boundary Training Reminder

Book of Order 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. There are three no-cost methods to meet these requirements:

1. Praesidium Training – this is online training provided through our insurance company. If you are in one of the groups above, you should have received an invitation to sign up for training. If you did not, please contact Marge Morgan. Two units are required but others are available:
   a. Preventing Abuse & Exploitation in Pastoral Ministry
   b. Keeping Your Church Safe
2. Practical Resources for Churches - PMV is partnering with PRC to provide this training. PRC is a nonprofit, non-denominational, education-based service organization providing consultants, educational webinars, workshops, and resources. PRC has created a series of free and short (no more than 15 minutes) video modules on a variety of topics that, together, fulfill a session's Boundary Training requirement and open the door to discussion. A document has been prepared that includes the video links, discussion questions, along with general directions and guidance. Links to this training may be found on the PMV website under the training tab.
3. Synod of the Covenant – this online training will be offered 3 more times this year. More information is available at: https://www.synodofthecovenant.org/event-details/2026-boundaries-and-ethics-training-opportunities.

No matter what training you complete, you MUST send documentation to the Stated Clerk at statedclerk@miamipresbytery.org.

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Minister cards were placed in the nametags of those requesting them. If you need one and did not receive one, please contact Marge.
The Board of Pensions is hosting an informational gathering and luncheon for retirees and spouses on Monday, September 21 at 10:30 AM at Southminster (7001 Far Hills Ave., Centerville 45459). Please let Marge know ASAP if you are planning to attend.

Upcoming 2026/27 Presbytery Meeting Dates

We are grateful to churches for agreeing to host. Please consider hosting a meeting. The Stated Clerk is beginning to schedule 2027 meetings. February and November meetings will usually 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 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.
Currently planned dates and locations:

Saturday, November 14, 2026, 9:00 a.m., College Hill Community Church
This meeting will be held in-person!
Reports and docket requests due by October 23, 2026
Saturday, February 13, 2027, 9:00 a.m., ZOOM, Host: TBD
Reports and docket requests due by January 22, 2027
Tuesday, May 11, 2027, 2:00 p.m., at The Presbyterian Church of Hamilton
Reports and Docket requests due by April 20, 2027
Tuesday, September 14, 2027, 2:00 p.m., Host TBD
Reports and docket requests due by Aug. 24, 2027

Leadership Council Report

The Moderator called MWS Lawrence Bartel, chair of Leadership Council, to share the LC report.

A motion was made to approve the **Consent Agenda**. No items were pulled for further discussion.
Motion Carried.
The Consent Agenda
Stated Clerk
Approve the actions of the Stated Clerk:
Minutes of the May 12, 2026, stated presbytery meeting as distributed, and that the Stated Clerk be authorized to make any technical and non-substantive corrections as needed.
Leadership Council:
Receive the report of the Leadership Council:

+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the position description of a Vitality in Ministry Coordinator for the presbytery for a term of three years and to fund the coordinator using money from the Board Restricted Fund 330200 at the following terms: 10-15 Hours per month at $32.00/hour, up to $6,000/year and mileage reimbursement and hospitality expenses up to $4,000/year.

Committee on Ministry (COM):
Receive the actions of the Committee on Ministry:

+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the action of the session of Slifers Presbyterian Church, Farmersville to agree to a stated supply contract with the Rev. Kazy Hinds from January 1, 2026-December 31, 2026, at the following terms: salary $28,200, housing $30,000, BoP $25,000, SECA reimbursement $4,452, auto@ IRS reimbursement up to $2,200, Con. Ed. $1,750, Professional Expense $500, vacation 4 weeks including(4 Sundays) and 2 week continuing education (including 2 Sundays). Terms meet PMV minimums.

+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the request of MWS Garth Adams to be placed on pulpit supply list.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the request of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Dayton to name MWS Caitlin Deyerle as Moderator of session from June 8-September 8, while moderator of session MWS Richard Baker is on Sabbatical.
+ **A motion prevailed to appoint** RE Bridget Hawkins as moderator for June 21 congregational meeting at Huntsville Presbyterian Church.
+ **A motion prevailed to appoint** RE Michele Slone as moderator of FPC Sidney.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** a Pulpit Supply contract between Trinity and the Rev. Solomon Cooper (A.M.E.). Terms are June 1 to December 31, 2026; $300/Sunday for worship leadership; mileage at IRS rate for visitation; 30 day termination notice. Rev. Cooper may not administer sacraments but Trinity REs are authorized to serve communion.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** a PT (24 hr/wk) Stated Supply appointment between Troy and the Rev. Dan Hrach pending clarification of the BoP obligations. Terms are July 1 to September 30, 2026; Annual cash salary $15,800 + housing $25,000 (Eff. Sal. = $40,800); Cont. Ed. Up to $1750; 30 days termination notice. EP will clarify BoP obligations.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the contract between the Rev. Tracy Patschke-Johannes, the AC for Corinth acting as the Session of Corinth , and the COM and to fund the $3,000 contract from the COM budget line item 501200.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the action of the session of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Springfield, to agree to a stated supply contract with the Rev. Steve Merrin from January 1, 2026-December 1, 2026 at the following terms: Salary $21,375, Housing $11,245.56, BoP $ 18,183.48, SECA reimbursement $3,813, Auto reimbursement $1,000, Con. Ed, $1,750, Professional expense $1,300, Pastor Discretionary fund $271, Reimbursement for family $4,400 for a total of $92,216.48. Vacation of 6 weeks including 6 Sundays and 2 weeks, including 2 Sundays Con. Ed.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** Installed Pastor terms of call to be reported to PMV meeting on 9-8-26.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the submitted expenses, mileage and hourly compensation, for CRE Janet Miller from March 16-May 22, totaling $296.60.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** RE Jay Peterson as Moderator of the Fairborn session while Rev. Lynn Bova is away in August and September.
+ **A motion prevailed to accept** the resignation of TE Arby Conn as Parish Associate for Jamestown Presbyterian Church, effective immediately.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the request of TE Tim Shapiro to be placed on the Pulpit Supply list, and to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, as a member of the Presbytery of Whitewater.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve the following validated ministries of Teaching Elders** Garth Adams, Marcy Bain, Kathleen Burslem, Franscisco Pelaez Diaz, Carmen Garrigan, Charles (Chip) Hardwick, Lisa Hess, Steven Ingram, and Christopher Martin.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve as Minister at Large** TE Marion Soards.
+ **A motion prevailed to** allow the APNC of Fairmont to request the session to call a congregational meeting for the purpose of acting upon their recommendation to call the Rev. Marc van Bulck as their next associate pastor and to approve the terms of call.
+ **A motion prevailed to appoint** RE Steve Davis as moderator for the August session meeting of Blue Ball Presbyterian Church.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** reimbursing CRE Janet Miller for the 9.5 hrs. that she spent ministering to retirees. Total = $199.50.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** awarding the Krebs Fund to the Reily Church. The amount is typically about $100.
+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the recommended changes to the 2027 Minimum Terms of Call. This includes a 3.0% increase to $59,927. All other items remain the same.

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+ **A motion prevailed to appoint** RE Gidget Collins as Moderator of the Middletown: First session on TE Miller's departure.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

Approve the action of the CPM:

+ **A motion prevailed to enroll** RE Jose LaMont Jones, member of College Hill Community Church, into the Commissioned Ruling Elder program

Trustees

+ **A motion prevailed to approve** the sale of the Yellow Springs Manse.

Here ends the Consent Agenda

Trustees

MWS Bruce Miller presented the preliminary 2027 budget guidance, and provided the figures for the 2027 connectional support, and *per capita*. Connectional Support remains at $40, and *Per Capita* for GA is $13.04, and for Synod is $3.40, for a combined total of **$56.44** (Appendix E)**.**
Bruce also presented the 2025 Annual Financial Review (Appendix F) and an update on the Yellow Springs Manse sale (Appendix G).

Committee on Representation and Diversity

MWS Kazy Hinds gave the report. She talked about the situation in Springfield with the Haitian community. One of Northminster's members who is Haitian was arrested. A special letter has been prepared which all churches are asked to read on World Communion Sunday.

Network Support & Grants

MWS Jody Noble explained what this committee does. This committee is the mission arm of the presbytery.

Staff Support Committee

RE Janice Kronour, chair, provided a brief update on the ongoing process to define the job scope of the Stated Clerk.

Announcements & Information

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

Treasurer's Report

Ivy Young, Treasurer of PMV provided a brief review of our finances (Appendices H & I)

Nominations Committee Report

MWS Caitlyn Deyerle moved that the following persons be elected to the committees indicated:

+ MWS Bruce Archibald (Retired) to Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2027
+ RE Mark Brunn (Dayton: Sugar Creek) to Staff Support Committee, Class of 2027
+ RE Alice McCollum (Dayton: Trinity) to Permanent Judicial Commission, Class of 2032

There were no nominations from the floor. **Motion carried.**

Committee on Ministry Report (Part 2)

MWS Annie Melick moved approval of the final 2026 Terms of Call for Installed and Designated Pastors (Appendix J). **Motion carried**. She next presented and moved approval of the COM's recommendation for 2027 Minimum Terms of Call (Appendix K). The recommendation includes a 3.0% cost-of-living increase. **Motion carried**.

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Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

MWS Emily Haddox stated that the committee requests the presbytery examine Inquirer Cate O'Malley on her statement of call (Appendix L) for the purpose of acting upon the CPM recommendation to move Inquirer Cate O'Malley to the candidacy phase for full preparation to serve the church as a Minister of Word and Sacrament according to G-2.0604 of the Book of Order.
Miss O'Malley read her statement of faith and was questioned by several members of the presbytery. The Moderator called for a motion to arrest the examination, 2nd received. **Motion Carried.** Miss O'Malley and MWS Haddox departed the room to allow for any further discussion and to vote on the CPM request. A Motion was made and seconded to enroll Cate as Candidate. **Motion Carried.**
MWS Haddox and Miss O'Malley returned to the meeting to a round of applause.

We Worship Together

After a brief break, we returned to the Sanctuary to worship together. MWS Josh Rodriquez provided the message titled ***God, My Shepherd***. The Moderator asked the Constitutional Questions of Inquirer O'Malley, officially moving her to candidacy upon her affirmative responses. Communion was by Intinction.

Following the worship time, the meeting was called back to order by Moderator, MWS Diane Ziegler. She invited MWS Cynthia Holder-Rich to present her GA report.

GA Commissioners' Reports

MWS Cynthia Holder-Rich thanked the Presbytery for electing her to attend the 227th General Assembly. Her report can be found in Appendix M. RE Alice McCollum also attended this GA. Her report can be found in Appendix N. Cynthia reminded us of the three Overtures approved by PMV in February that addressed the termination of the Presbyterian World Mission in 2025. All 3 overtures asked for increased oversight and examination of general assembly staff actions. All 3 passed. They were part of a group of overtures which showed displeasure and a lack of trust in those who are leading our church. The sense of those attending was that something had gone seriously wrong that had led to the termination of important foundational parts of being Presbyterian. She stressed that there are MANY openings to serve at the General Assembly level. Please contact her if you are interested.

Committee & Network Reports

Columbia Network 30th Anniversary MWS Nancy Hodkins, Madeline & MWS Emily Haddox
The 30-year Partnership has brought a variety of opportunities to meet with others outside of the USA. Many stories of transformation and calling are part of that history.

Collaborative Congregations MWS Emily Haddox
This is a group composed of the following churches: Bath, Central, College Hill, Corinth, Fairborn, Faith, and Yellow Springs. The next meeting is November 22, which will follow Corinth to their new home on Arbor Ave and plan to have a shower of gifts for their new space. This group of churches is local to Dayton area, if your church and others close to you would like to form your own Collaborative Congregation, see Emily for assistance.

Adjournment & Closing Prayer

The Moderator acknowledged the various Written Reports in the packet. MWS Diane Ziegler closed the meeting with prayer at 5:10 pm.

Next Stated Presbytery Meeting
Saturday, November 14, 2026 at 9:00am
College Hill Community Church
1547 Philadelphia Drive , Dayton, OH 45406

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Recorded by:

MWS Terry L. Kukuk, Stated Clerk *pro tempore*

Appendices:
A = Attendance
B = Marilyn Siegwarth Edwards obituary
C = Corinth AC Report
D = St. Luke AC Report
E = 2027 Proposed Connectional Support and Per Capita
F = 2025 PMV Financial Review
G = Yellow Springs Manse Sale
H = Condensed Balance Sheet
I = Treasurer's Report
J = 2026 Installed Pastors Terms of Call
K = 2027 Pastors' Minimum Compensation Recommendation
L = Cate O'Malley Statement of Call
M = Cynthia Holder-Rich GA Report
N = Alice McCollum GA Report

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APPENDIX A
Final Roll 8Sept26 PMV Meeting

MWS, Active				**MWS, Retired**				**Church Commissioners**		**RE**		
Garth E	Adams			C Forrest	Amidon			Dayton	Bath	J.O.	Miller	**P**
Marciana C	Bain			Bruce E	Archibald			Bellbrook	Bellbrook	Larry	White	**P**
Richard	Baker			Judith K	Barr			Belle Center	United			
Lawrence H	Bartel	**P**		Curtis T	Baxter			Bellefontaine	First United			
Benjamin P	Beres			Lynette H	Bova	**E**		Blue Ball	Blue Ball			
Nancy R	Birdsong	**P**		Randall	Brakemeyer			Bradford	First			
Susan M	Brasier			Karen	Cassedy			Covington	Covington	Judy	Schultz	**P**
Kathleen B	Burslem			Arbuth B	Conn			Dayton	Central			
Timothy E	Dennis			Kay A	Davis-Dudding			Dayton	College Hill	Obie	Harris	**P**
Caitlin T	Deyerle	**P**		Thomas E	Dozeman			Dayton	Corinth			
Amy K	Duiker	**P**		Michael E	Evans			Dayton	Fairmont	Terry	Akers	**P**
Carmen B	Garrigan			David H	Foubert			Dayton	Fairmont			
Clifford	Haddox	**P**		Robert B	Fulton			Dayton	Immanuel Korean			
Emily A	Haddox	**P**		Norman D	Godfrey			Dayton	Southminster	Chris	Bowers	**P**
Charles B	Hardwick	**E**		James W	Graham			Dayton	Southminster	Lois	Thorp	**P**
Raymond M	Helling	**E**		Susan G	Hamilton			Dayton	Sugar Creek	Nancy	Hoover	**P**
Lisa M	Hess	**E**		Joe M	Hinds	**P**		Dayton	Trinity			
Kathryn	Hinds	**P**		Kenneth E	Howard			Dayton	Westminster	Julie	Schroder	**P**
Nancy S	Hodgkins	**P**		Daniel H	Hrach	**P**		Dayton	Westminster			
Cynthia	Holder-Rich	**P**		Gordon L	Kester			Eaton	First	Kathleen	McCreary	**P**
Steven A	Ingram			Soo Kwang	Kim			Eaton	First			
Jay Yongjae	Kim	**P**		George H	McConnel			Fairborn	First	Linda	Hartsock	**P**
Terry L	Kukuk	**P**		Jo Anne	Meyers			Farmersville	Slifers			
Kevin J	Lawler	**P**		Linda L	Niece			Hamilton	PC of Hamilton	Greg	Eyler	**P**
Joungnam	Lee	**P**		Jacqueline J	Nowak			Hamilton	PC of Hamilton			
John H H	Lewis	**P**		Angela J	Schenck	**E**		Huber Heights	Faith	Cyndi	Adams	**P**
Brian D	Maguire	**P**		Jocelyn J	Sheldon			Huntsville	Huntsville			
Christopher S	Martin			Donald W	Sherman			Jamestown	Jamestown			
Annie	Melick	**P**		Kelley W	Shin	**P**		Middletown	First			
Greg	Menssen	**P**		Robert B	Smith			Middletown	St Luke			
Steven D	Merrin	**P**		Donald M	Stewart			Monroe	One Community			
Bruce	Miller	**P**		Gerald	Swaim			Oxford	Oxford	Nancy	Moeckel	**P**
Justin	Miller	**E**		Jesse L	Thornton			Oxford	Oxford	Robert	Smith	**P**
John W	Neely	**E**		Robert H	Wade	**P**		Piqua	Good Shepherd	Sandra	Kerns	**P**
Jody	Noble	**P**		Evan J	Wall			Piqua	Westminster			
Francisco	Pelaez-Diaz			William J	Walthour			Reily	Reily			
Thomas C	Ramsey	**P**		Patrick D	Warren			Seven Mile	Seven Mile	Ella	Collins	**P**
Joshua	Rodriguez	**P**		Denise W	Weaver			Sidney	First	Ken	Poling	**P**
Frank T	Rupnik			Shelley C	Wiley			Springboro	Covenant	Jay	Abbey	**P**
Marion L	Soards			Darryll H	Young			Springfield	Covenant	Carol	Miracle	**P**
Marcel	vanBulck	**P**		John M	Zuercher			Springfield	Northminster			
Ted Michael	Wakeland							Troy	First	Patti	Jones-Logan	**P**
Diane E	Ziegler	**P**		**MOADs**				Urbana	First			
				Steven	Copeland			Wilmington	PC of Wilmington	Jim	Gillette	**P**
				Daria	Schaffnit	**P**		Xenia	Xenia United	Mike	Smith	**P**
Committee Commissioners				Julia	Williamson	**P**		Yellow Springs	First	Troy	Tyner	**P**
Greg	Eyler											
Cheryl	Barrett											
Michael	Gardner	**P**		**Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs)**				**Corresponding Members**				
Sandra	Kerns			Mike	Buker			Larry	Hollar	**P**		
James	Griffin	**E**		Gidget	Collins	**P**						
Michele	Slone	**E**		Janet	Miller	**P**						
Steve	Davis											
Bridget	Hawkins							**PMV Staff**				
Gene	Saunders			**Certified Christian Educators (CCEs)**				Marge	Morgan	**P**		
Larry	White			Erin	Dickerson			Kathleen	Seewer	**P**		
Michael	Seewer	**P**		Cindy	Wakeland			Ivy	Young	**P**		
Jay	Peterson	**P**										
Judy	Schiller											
Bruce	Saunders	**P**		**Others**								
Anne	Brienza			Bethany	Stewart	**P**						
Ken	Poling			Jose Lamont	Jones	**P**						
Janice	Kronour	**P**		Bruce	Jeffries	**P**						
Brian	Sharp											