

# Commissioner Handbook

Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

244<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting  
Tuesday, September 19, 2016  
3:30 – 6:15 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church  
211 Schmitt Drive  
Waverly, Ohio 45690  
740-947-2905



<http://firstpresbyterianwaverly.com/>

God calls us through the Holy Spirit to connect with each other to plant, grow, and nurture vital, faithful communities of Christ for service and ministry.

In response, we build partnerships,  
communicate with and support congregations,  
leaders, and individuals,  
and embody Christ's transforming love in the world.

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# *Seeking to be Faithful Together:*

## **Guidelines for Presbyterians During Times of Disagreement**

In a spirit of trust and love, we promise we will...

**G**ive them a hearing...listen before we answer (*John 7:51 and Proverbs 18:13*)

**1 Treat each other respectfully so as to build trust, believing that we all desire to be faithful to Jesus the Christ;**

- \_ we will keep our conversations and communications open for candid and forthright exchange,
- \_ we will not ask questions or make statements in a way which will intimidate or judge others.

**2 Learn about various positions on the topic of disagreement.**

**3 State what we think we heard and ask for clarification before responding, in an effort to be sure we understand each other.**

**S**peak the truth in love (*Ephesians 4:15*)

**4 Share our concerns directly with individuals or groups with whom we have disagreements in a spirit of love and respect in keeping with Jesus' teachings.**

**5 Focus on ideas and suggestions instead of questioning people's motives, intelligence or integrity;**

- \_ we will not engage in name-calling or labelling of others prior to, during, or following the discussion.

**6 Share our personal experiences about the subject of disagreement so that others may more fully understand our concerns.**

**M**aintain the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace (*Ephesians 4:3*)

**7 Indicate where we agree with those of other viewpoints as well as where we disagree.**

**8 Seek to stay in community with each other though the discussion may be vigorous and full of tension;**

- \_ we will be ready to forgive and be forgiven.

**9 Follow these additional guidelines when we meet in decision-making bodies:**

- \_ urge persons of various points of view to speak and promise to listen to these positions seriously;
- \_ seek conclusions informed by our points of agreement;
- \_ be sensitive to the feelings and concerns of those who do not agree with the majority and respect their rights of conscience;
- \_ abide by the decision of the majority, and if we disagree with it and wish to change it, work for that change in ways which are consistent with these Guidelines.

**10 Include our disagreement in our prayers, not praying for the triumph of our viewpoints, but seeking God's grace to listen attentively, to speak clearly, and to remain open to the vision God holds for us all.**

Adopted by the 204<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (1992) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for use by sessions and congregations

## COMMISSIONER ORIENTATION

### So, This Is Your First Presbytery Meeting!

As a new commissioner to the Presbytery, we welcome you! The information below is provided for your orientation to the presbytery meeting and its activities. The meetings of Presbytery are designed to provide opportunities for the community to worship and discuss issues together, as well as do the necessary Presbyter business. Please read the introductory items in the handbook. These items contain information about parking, childcare, directions to the meeting, how to make motions if you wish, and information on parliamentary process.

When you arrive, look for the registration area, which opens prior to the meeting or any pre-Presbytery forums. Commissioners will be asked to register their attendance by signing next to the church they are representing. Commissioners will receive a name badge which entitles them to voice and vote during the meeting. Visitors are also asked to sign in and receive a guest tag. There will also be a table with additional handouts not submitted in time to be published in the Commissioner Handbook.

There may be one or more pre-Presbytery forums which will usually begin one hour before the Presbytery meeting. The forums are small group opportunities to discuss topics coming before the Presbytery, to explore ministry tools, to share best practices, or to engage in the ministry of prayer for the Presbytery. There will be directions to the forums. Also available during the registration time may be a number of displays.

Presbytery meets from 3:30 to approximately 7:30 p.m. The meeting will begin with worship designed by the Presbytery worship committee. A worship bulletin will be in the registration area. There will be an offering which will be designated for one of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) seasonal special offerings.

Following worship the Presbytery moderator will

- convene the meeting and invite greetings from the host pastor,
- ask the stated clerk if there is a quorum present,
- ask for the introduction of new ruling elders, teaching elders, and corresponding members (members of other presbyteries, congregations, or organizations,
- call for the adoption of the agenda for the meeting, and
- ask the stated clerk if there is any new business not previously included in the published agenda.

Most of the business for the Presbytery to consider is contained in this handbook. The materials are divided into several sections for easy access. The sections are arranged according to the Commissions and reporting entities of the Presbytery, not the order of the agenda. The sections are:

- A. Consent Agenda -- items being reported to the Presbytery, including Commission actions concluded by standing rule on behalf of the Presbytery. (Any presbyter may ask that a Consent Agenda item be removed for discussion and action during the responsible Commission's reporting time or at the end of the meeting.)
- B. Commission for Congregational Life
- C. Commission for Church Professionals
- D. Commission for Presbytery Operations
- E. Commission for Nurture and Outreach
- F. Coordinating Team
- G. Committee for Presbytery Nominations
- H. Committee for Overtures and Amendments
- I. Committee for Representation
- J. Permanent Judicial Commission
- K. Other Entities
- L. Information

## GUIDELINES FOR PARTICIPATING IN PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

1. When speaking at Presbytery, please use the microphone and speak to the Moderator not the assembly.
2. Introduce yourself, by stating your name and your church or your position.
3. The parliamentary authority is *Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised, 11<sup>th</sup> Edition* (2011), unless the *Book of Order* (Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Constitution Part II) or the Standing Rules of the Presbytery provide otherwise.
4. Motions presented by commissions or committees do not require a second.
5. Each speaker during debate has up to three minutes to address the issue to which they are speaking. The moderator may give a 30-second warning, so that speakers may conclude their remarks.
6. The moderator will normally alternate between speeches for and against the motion before the assembly.
7. The maker of the motion or commission/committee presenter may make the final speech.
8. Only enrolled commissioners (ruling elder commissioners, teaching elders, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian Educators in active service, and ruling elders serving on commissions) are authorized to vote. Corresponding members are entitled to address the Presbytery. Visitors may be invited by the moderator to address the Presbytery.
9. Any substantive motion (new, amendment, substitute) made by a commissioner in the assembly must be given to the stated clerk in writing, at the time the motion is made.
10. Any new business must be placed in the hands of the stated clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR 2017 PRESBYTERY MEETINGS

Stated Meeting	February 21, 2017	Columbus Broad Street Church	3:30-7:30 PM
Stated Meeting	May 16, 2017	Columbus Overbrook Church	3:30-7:30 PM
Stated Meeting	September 19, 2017	Waverly First Church	3:30-7:30 PM
Stated Meeting	November 28, 2017	Columbus Boulevard Church	3:30-7:30 PM

Special meetings may be called at the request of, or with the concurrence of, two teaching elders and two ruling elders representing different churches.

## GENERAL NOTES FOR THIS MEETING

1. The offering for this meeting will go to the Pentecost Offering of the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Please make checks payable to Presbytery of Scioto Valley.
2. Requests to include audio-visual presentations at the Presbytery Meeting should be addressed to the stated clerk, Rick Hays, at [rickhays@psvonline.org](mailto:rickhays@psvonline.org) no later than Thursday, September 14.
3. Contact Dagmar Romage at [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org) or 614/847-0565
  - a. To register an excused absence from the meeting
  - b. To reserve display space
  - c. To arrange for childcare at the meeting site
  - d. To obtain a print copy of the Commissioner Handbook

## DIRECTIONS

First Presbyterian Church  
211 Schmitt Drive, Waverly, OH 45690  
740-947-2905

### DIRECTIONS:


From the north, follow U.S. Route 23 to Waverly. At the second traffic light, turn left (S. R. 335) and turn left immediately again as S. R. 335 turns. Proceed about three tenths of a mile to Schmitt Drive which is on the left (New Covenant CCCU Church is at the corner). Turn left and proceed to the church.

From the south, follow U.S. Route 23 north through Waverly to the Clough St. (S. R. 335) intersection (RiteAid, Little Caesar's, and Super Kwik). Turn right and left immediately. Proceed about three tenths of a mile to Schmitt Drive which is on the left (New Covenant CCCU Church is at the corner). Turn left and proceed to the church.

From the east. Follow S. R. 32 to U.S. Rt. 23 and follow directions for "from the south."

## STAY CONNECTED

If you would like to join the email distribution list for the **Weekly E-Mail** News, the Presbytery digital newsletter go to [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org) and fill in the box in the left column, or email Dagmar at [dagmar@psvonline.org](mailto:dagmar@psvonline.org).

Follow the Presbytery on Facebook.  Search for PSV Congregational Life. Hit the Like button.

Look for forms, reports, and important web links at [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org).

## COMMON ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

BoP	Board of Pensions
CCL	Commission for Congregational Life
CCP	Commission for Church Professionals
CNO	Commission for Nurture and Outreach
CPO	Commission for Presbytery Operations
CRE	Commissioned Ruling Elder
CT	Coordinating Team
FDN	Presbyterian Foundation
GA	General Assembly
HR	Honorably Retired (teaching elder)
PCUSA	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PILP	Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program
PMA	Presbyterian Mission Agency
PSV	Presbytery of Scioto Valley
PWUM	Presbyterian Westside Urban Ministry
RE	Ruling Elder
TE	Teaching Elder



## Presbytery-wide “Save the Date” Events

2017 Fall Youth Rally --- Sat. Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> (12-3pm)

Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church, Pickerington

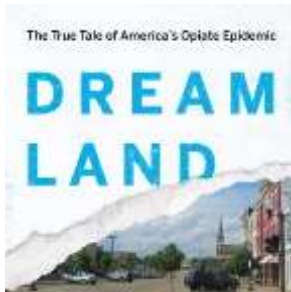
*Game truck (semi filled with video games), 2 big screen TV's to watch football, 10 ft. grill for hotdogs, inflatable obstacle course and tail-gate games*

Mission trip to Gatlinburg, Tennessee --- Oct. 22-28, 2017 (limited space still available)



**PRESBYTERIAN  
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

*Demolition, clean-up, building repair, recovery work and sharing Christ*



Presbytery Pre-Event --- Nov. 21 (Noon-3pm)

Boulevard Presbyterian Church (Grandview Hgts, OH)

*“Dreamland” author, Sam Quinones will have a video discussion with us, followed by a discussion led by a local expert on the opioid crisis in south-central Ohio and what we can do as a church community.*

PIE Training (Partners in Education) --- Sat., Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> (930am-3pm)

Hilliard Presbyterian Church

*Classes include: Elder Training, Deacon and Care of Members Training, Older Adult Ministry, Clerk Training, Hospitality and Acceptance, Thinking Thru Emergency Plans and Standard Policies, Where to find the best (free) Reformed ONLINE resources*



Youth/Confirmation Retreat --- Fri., Feb 23-25, 2018 --- Camp Akita (Logan, OH)

*\*\*\*Note – there is only one retreat this year – rsvp early to ensure your spot!*

## **The Presbytery of Scioto Valley**

Two hundred forty-fourth Stated Meeting

First Presbyterian Church – 211 Schmitt Drive, Waverly, Ohio 45690

3:30 p.m. + Tuesday, September 19, 2017

Moderator: Teaching Elder Charlsie Ramsey – Vice Moderator: Ruling Elder James Boggs

**GOD CALLS US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER TO PLANT, GROW, AND NURTURE VITAL FAITHFUL COMMUNITIES OF CHRIST FOR SERVICE AND MINISTRY.**

**IN RESPONSE, WE BUILD PARTNERSHIPS, COMMUNICATE WITH AND SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS, LEADERS, AND INDIVIDUALS, AND EMBODY CHRIST’S TRANSFORMING LOVE IN THE WORLD.**

The **Commissioner Handbook** is available online at [www.psvonline.org](http://www.psvonline.org)

“**Supplemental Reports**” refers to papers available the day of the meeting in the Registration Area

**NEW BUSINESS** items are to be presented to the Stated Clerk prior to convening the meeting.

**The Presbytery's Westside Urban Ministry (WUM) program will be collecting coats for kids at the September 19 Presbytery Meeting in Waverly. Gently-used or new coats, hats and mittens for elementary through high schoolers will be warmly received. For more information, contact Patti Nussle, 614-209-5600.**

### **1:30 – 3:00 P.M. PRE-PRESBYTERY WORSHIP EVENT**

The Reverend Dr. Ralph Watkins, Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth at Columbia Theological Seminary in Atlanta, Georgia, will be leading a pre-presbytery event about using multi-media approaches in worship.

### **I. THE PRESBYTERY IS CALLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT – 3:30 P.M.**

- A. Convening the Meeting – Charlsie Ramsey
- B. Greetings from Host Pastors – Richard Hays and Charlotte O’Neil
- C. Declaration of a Quorum and Formation of the Roll – Richard Hays
- D. Introduction of New Commissioners, Seating of Corresponding Members
- E. Announcement of New Business (Please present new business to the stated clerk before the meeting. Items will be discussed after the scheduled agenda items.)
- F. Adoption of the Meeting Agenda
- G. Minute for Mission: *Peace and Global Witness Offering* –Kathi Bubb

### **II. TO WORSHIP GOD**

Dr. Ralph C. Watkins, Associate Professor of Evangelism and Church Growth, Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, GA, will be the preacher. The Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received. Worship will conclude with the Passing of the Peace.

### **III. TO SERVE CHRIST**

- A. Consent Agenda ..... **Commissioner Handbook Part A**  
(The Consent Agenda contains items that the Stated Clerk and Commission chairs think may be adopted without debate. Any presbyter may request that an item in the Consent Agenda motion be removed for separate discussion and action. Removed items will be scheduled during the responsible Commission or Committee’s reporting time or at the end of the meeting.)
- B. Committee for Presbytery Nominations – Carla Mavis ..... **Handbook Part G**

#### **IV. To SUPPORT LEADERS**

- A. Commission for Church Professionals – Don Hilkerbaumer ..... **Handbook Part C**
  - a. New Pastor Welcome: Jeff Schooley
  - b. Retirement Recognition: David Faulkner
  - c. Memorial Moment: Gerald Gregg (1930-2017)
  - d. Certified Ruling Elder Recognition: Ginny Shanda
  - e. ACTION: Adopt 2018 Minimum Terms of Call
  - f. ACTION: Second Reading: Commissioned Ruling Elder Policy
  - g. First Reading: Healthy Boundaries Policy
  - h. Examination for Ordination – Scott Schnapp  
“The presbytery may examine the candidate as to his or her Christian faith and his or her views in theology, the Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of this Church. (CPM Handbook, 2009).

#### **V. To SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS**

- A. Commission for Congregational Life – Christine Burns ..... **Handbook Part B**
  - a. ACTION: Second Reading: Temporary Pastor to Installed Pastor Policy
- B. Administrative Commission for the Covenant Parish – Mark Shanda... **Handbook Part K**
- C. Commission for Nurture and Outreach – Mary Gause ..... **Handbook Part E**
  - a. Announcements
  - b. First Reading: Child Safety Policy

#### **VI. To BUILD PARTNERSHIPS**

- A. Commission for Presbytery Operations – Robert Gustafson ..... **Handbook Part D**
  - a. ACTION: Receive the 2016 Audit Report
  - b. ACTION: Adopt new Presbytery of Scioto Valley Bylaws
  - c. First Reading: 2018 Budget
- B. New Business (if any)

#### **VII. To EMBODY CHRIST’S LOVE**

- A. Coordinating Team – Richard Glass
- B. Announcements, Invitations, Joys, and Concerns for the Community
- C. Recognizing the Retirement of Stated Clerk Richard Hays – Jeannie Harsh
- D. Closing Prayer and Benediction

**6:30 – 8:30 p.m. – Dinner & Retirement Celebration – Glenn Activity Center, Bristol Village.**  
(Turn left at the stop sign at the end of Schmitt Dr. and then right at the Bristol Village entrance.)

Next Presbytery Meeting  
3:30 p.m. – November 28, 2017 --- Columbus Boulevard Presbyterian Church

The Coordinating Team is seeking invitations for hosting Presbytery meetings during 2018.  
The scheduled dates are Tuesdays February 20, May 20, September 18, November 27.  
Pre-Presbytery activities may be 12:30 – 3:00 p.m.; Meeting time is 3:30 – 7:30 p.m.  
If interested, please contact [statedclerk@psvonline.org](mailto:statedclerk@psvonline.org)

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## Presbytery Minutes

Minutes of  
**THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY**  
**TWO HUNDRED FORTY-THIRD STATED MEETING**  
Overbrook Presbyterian Church  
4131 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio  
May 16, 2017

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### **STATED MEETING**

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held its two hundred forty-third Stated Meeting at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, May 16, 2017.

## **I. THE PRESBYTERY IS CALLED BY THE HOLY SPIRIT**

### **A. Convening the Meeting**

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m. by immediate past moderator ruling elder Ginny Shanda and opened with prayer. She was convening the meeting because moderator teaching elder Tim Luoma had received a call to the First Presbyterian Church of Plattsburgh, New York.

### **B. Greetings**

Host pastors William Gause brought greetings from the session, staff, and congregation of the Overbrook Church.

### **C. Declaration of a Quorum and the Formation of the Roll**

The stated clerk, Richard Hays, recognized the presence of a quorum. [“The presbytery may set its own quorum, but it shall not be fewer than three teaching elders who are members of the presbytery and three ruling elder commissioners from three different congregations.” (G-3.0304)] He moved that the roll be as established by the written sign-in sheets. The motion was approved. (Attachment 1)

## **C. Agenda**

Stated clerk Richard Hays presented the agenda. On motion the agenda was adopted, with the move of the report of the Commission for Presbytery Operations to take place before report of the Commission for Nurture and Outreach, (Attachment 2)

## **D. Announcement of New Business**

The stated clerk announced that there were no new items of business presented.

## **E. Committee for Nominations**

Carla Mavis reported for the committee. On the committee's behalf, she placed the following names in nomination:

Charlsie Ramsey (teaching elder, honorably retired), to be elected moderator for the remainder of the 2017 term

James Boggs (ruling elder, Pataskala First Church), to be elected as vice-moderator for the remainder of the 2017 term.

There were no nominations from the assembly and a unanimous ballot was cast for the nominees.

## **F. Minute for Mission**

Commission for Nurture and Outreach member Kathi Bubb introduced a video minute for mission for the Pentecost Offering.

## **II. To Worship Good**

Worship was led by Richard Glass. Rebecca Barnes, Coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Louisville, preached from Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-2, "A River of Life."

Immediate past moderator ruling elder Ginny Shanda led the installation of Charlsie Ramsey as moderator and James Boggs as vice-moderator. Pastors William and Mary Gause led the presbytery in the Lord's Supper. Worship was concluded with the passing of the peace.

## **III. To Serve the Risen Lord**

### **A. Introducing New Elder Commissioners**

New ruling elder commissioners were introduced.

### **B. Seating Corresponding Members**

A motion was made to seat Rebecca Barnes, coordinator of the Presbyterian Hunger Program, Louisville. The motion was approved.

### **C. Consent Agenda**

Stated Clerk Richard Hays presented the Consent Agenda for approval by the Presbytery.

1. Approve the minutes of the 242<sup>nd</sup> stated meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, held February 21, 2017, at the Columbus Broad Street Church.
2. Approve changes in the roll of presbyters.
  - Receive:  
Gary Brose from the Presbytery of Cincinnati
  - Dismiss:  
Jonathan Fettig to the Presbytery of Philadelphia  
Timothy Luoma to the Presbytery of Northern New York
3. Receive the Reports of Administrative Commissions
  1. Appointments
    - a. Moderator Timothy Luoma appointed the following to serve as the Administrative Commission for the Merger of the Columbus Fairmoor and Shady Lane Churches (Covenant Parish):

Teaching Elders:	Ron Botts (Columbus Highlands) Lee Platt (Columbus Glen Echo) Deb Bowsher (Mt. Gilead) Patti Moats (Columbus Fairmoor and Shady Lane)
Ruling Elders:	Mark Shanda Columbus St. Andrew) Marquell Segelken (Gahanna Mifflin) Lori Ann Allen (Columbus Shady Lane) Mary Martin (Columbus Fairmoor)
    - b. Moderator Timothy Luoma appointed the following to serve as the Administrative Commission for the Gracious Separation of the New Albany Church from the Presbytery:

Teaching Elders:	Brian Harroff (Mt. Vernon) Phyllis Heffner (Columbus St. Andrew) Deb Patterson (Delaware First)
Ruling Elders:	Jim Hamilton (Columbus Covenant) Tom Ridgely (Columbus Broad Street) Mark Johnson (Pickerington Prince of Peace) Bill Lucas (Columbus Glen Echo) Keith Williams (Columbus Bethany) Yvonne Gustafson (Worthington) Alice Karen Hite (Pataskala Outville)
4. Receive the Unaudited Financial Reports for March 31, 2017 (Attachment 3)
5. Receive the reports of actions taken by the Presbytery standing commissions pursuant to the authority granted by The Book of Order, "Form of Government," chapter 3 (G-3.0307), Presbytery Standing Rule G-1, and Presbytery action:

## a. COMMISSION FOR CHURCH PROFESSIONALS

### i. Calls

- a) Concurred with the call of the congregation of the Marysville First Church to teaching elder Jeffrey A. Schooley, effective July 1, 2017, and received him as a member of the Presbytery pending his dismissal by the Presbytery of Washington.

Name	Jeffrey A. Schooley	Time	100%	Effective	July 1, 2017	
Church	Marysville First		Position	Pastor		
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)			
Cash Salary (Annual)	29,750		Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)		1,200	
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0		Business/professional expense		500	
Housing Allowance	29,750		SECA Supplement (up to 50%)		4,552	
Utility Allowance	0		Continuing Education		1,000	
Other Allowances	3,500		Other Allowances			
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0		Moving Expenses		NA	
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	63,000					
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.						
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions						Yes
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)		4				
Paid continuing education leave		2	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA	weeks
Authority (if temporary)						
Authority (if CRE)						
Other Terms		Receive from the Presbytery of Washington				

### ii. Covenants for Temporary Pastoral Service

- a) Concurred with the request of the session of the Columbus Bethany Church to renew a covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as a transitional pastor with teaching elder Michael Wilson for one (1) year, effective February 1, 2017.

Name	Michael Wilson	Time	50%	Effective	February 1, 2017	
Church	Columbus Bethany		Position	Temporary: Transitional		
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)			
Cash Salary (Annual)	0	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)	0			
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense	750			
Housing Allowance	23,850	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	0			
Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education	500			
Deferred Compensation	0	Other Allowances				
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0	Moving Expenses	NA			
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	23,850					
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.						
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					Yes	
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)						
Paid continuing education leave			weeks	Cumulative up to	NA weeks	
Authority (if temporary)	Moderate session					
Authority (if CRE)						
Other Terms	Church provide local cell phone; one (1) year, renewable; 30 days' notice					

- b) Concurred with the request of the session of the Logan First Church to renew the covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as a transitional pastor between with teaching elder Roger Au for six (6) months, effective March 1, 2017.

Name	Roger Au	Time	100%	Effective	March 1, 2017	
Church	Logan		Position	Temporary: Transitional		
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)			
Cash Salary (Annual)	12,757	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)	Yes			
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense	400			
Housing Allowance	12,757	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	0			
Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education	500			
Deferred Compensation	0	Other Allowances				
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0	Moving Expenses	NA			
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	25,514					
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.						
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					Yes	
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	2					
Paid continuing education leave	1	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA	weeks	
Authority (if temporary)						
Authority (if CRE)						
Other Terms	Six (6) months, renewable; 30 days' notice					

- c) Renewed the covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as stated supply pastor between the session of the Worthington Church and teaching elder Elizabeth Rice for one (1) year effective January 1, 2017.

Name	Elizabeth Rice	Time	50%	Effective	January 1, 2017	
Church	Worthington		Position	Temporary: Stated Supply		
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)			
Cash Salary (Annual)	28,000		Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)		Yes	
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0		Business/professional expense		1,500	
Housing Allowance	0		SECA Supplement (up to 50%)		0	
Utility Allowance	0		Continuing Education		650	
Deferred Compensation	0		Other Allowances			
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0		Moving Expenses		NA	
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	28,000					
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.						
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					Yes	
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4					
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA	weeks	
Authority (if temporary)						
Authority (if CRE)						
Other Terms	One (1) year, renewable; Sixty (60) days' notice					

- d) Renewed the covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as parish associate between the session of the Worthington Church and teaching elder Wayne Morrison for one (1) year effective January 1, 2017.

Name	Wayne Morrison	Time	50%	Effective	January 1, 2017
Church			Position	Temporary: Parish Associate	
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)		

Cash Salary (Annual)	0	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)	0
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense	1,500
Housing Allowance	28,000	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	0
Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education	0
Deferred Compensation	0	<b>Other Allowances</b>	
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0	Moving Expenses	NA
<b>Total Effective Salary (BoP)</b>	<b>28,000</b>		
<b><i>This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.</i></b>			
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions			Yes*
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4		
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks	Cumulative up to NA weeks
Authority (if temporary)			
Authority (if CRE)			
Other Terms	*Post retirement dues; one (1) year, renewable;		

- e) Renewed the covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as a commissioned ruling elder between the session of the Delaware West Berlin Church and ruling elder Robert Gustafson for one (1) year, effective February 5, 2017.

Name	Robert Gustafson	Time	75%	Effective	February 5, 2017	
Church	Delaware West Berlin		Position	Temporary - CRE		
Effective (Pensionable) Salary		Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)				
Cash Salary (Annual)	15,200	Auto Expense (IRS rate: \$.535/mi)		Yes		
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense		0		
Housing Allowance	19,000	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)		0		
Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education		1,000		
Deferred Compensation	0					
SECA Supplement (amount in excess of 50%)	0	Other Allowances				
		Moving Costs		NA		
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	34,200					
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.						
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					Yes	
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4					
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks,	cumulative up to	NA	weeks	
Authority (if temporary)						
Authority (if CRE)	Moderate Session; celebrate sacraments; perform Christian marriages					
Other Terms	One (1) year, renewable; 60-day notice					

- f) Concurred with the requests of the sessions of the Oak Hill Sardis and Moriah Churches to enter into a covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as a ruling elder commissioned for pastoral service with ruling elder Jim Snyder (member of the Wilkesville Church) for one (1) year, effective March 18, 2017.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Jim Snyder</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>--- %</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>March 18, 2017</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>Oak Hill Sardis Welsh &amp; Moriah</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>CRE</b>		
<b>Effective (Pensionable) Salary</b>			<b>Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)</b>		
Cash Salary (Annual)*	2,400	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)	yes		
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense	0		
Housing Allowance	0	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	0		

Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education	0
Deferred Compensation	0	<b>Other Allowances</b>	
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0	Moving Expenses	NA
<b>Total Effective Salary (BoP)</b>	2,400		
<b><i>This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.</i></b>			
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions		NA	
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4		
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks	Cumulative up to NA weeks
Authority (if temporary)			
Authority (if CRE)	Administer sacraments; moderate sessions; perform Christian marriage		
Other Terms	*\$100/service, 1 <sup>st</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sundays; pastoral care as requested (\$25/hr plus mileage; supply expense reimbursed.		

- g) Concurred with the request of the session of the Waverly First Church to enter into a covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as stated supply pastor with teaching elder Charlotte O'Neil for six (6) months, effective April 1, 2017.

Name	Charlotte O'Neil	Time	50%	Effective	April 1, 2017	
Church	Waverly First		Position	Temporary – Stated Supply		
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)			
Cash Salary (Annual)	14,000	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)	2,500			
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense	500			
Housing Allowance	10,000	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	0			
Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education	500			
Deferred Compensation	0	Other Allowances				
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0	Moving Expenses	NA			
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	24,000					
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.						
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					*	
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	2					
Paid continuing education leave	1	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA	weeks	
Authority (if temporary)						
Authority (if CRE)						
Other Terms	*Pension/disability only					

- h) Concurred with the request of the session of the Delaware Old Stone Church to renew a covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as a transitional pastor with teaching elder Don Hilkerbaumer for one (1) year, effective April 1, 2017.

KIP Teaching Elder Don Hilkerbaumer for one (1) year, effective April 1, 2017.					
Name	Don Hilkerbaumer	Time	50%	Effective	April 1, 2017
Church	Delaware Old Stone		Position	Temporary - Transitional	
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)		
Cash Salary (Annual)	30,886		Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)		3,000
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0		Business/professional expense		1,000
Housing Allowance	0		SECA Supplement (up to 50%)		0
Utility Allowance	0		Continuing Education		1,000
Deferred Compensation	0		Other Allowances		
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0		Moving Expenses		NA
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	30,886				

<b><i>This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.</i></b>					
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					Yes
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4				
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA	weeks
Authority (if temporary)					
Authority (if CRE)					
Other Terms	One year, renewable; 30-day notice				

## iii. Dissolutions

- a) Concurred with the request of the congregation of the Gallipolis First Church to dissolve the call with teaching elder Timothy J. Luoma, effective May 7, 2017, and dismiss him to the Presbytery of Northern New York, to accept the call as pastor of the Plattsburgh, New York First Church, pending his reception.

## iv. Receptions

- a) Received teaching elder Gary Brose from the Presbytery of Cincinnati as a member serving in a validated ministry (Capital City Hospice chaplain), pending his dismissal by them.

## v. Dismissals

- a) Dismissed teaching elder Jonathan Fettig to the Presbytery of Presbytery of Philadelphia.
- b) Dismissed teaching elder Timothy J. Luoma to the Presbytery of Northern New York.

## vi. Other

- a) Approved commissioning CRE Jim Snyder to Oak Hill Moriah and Oak Hill Sardis Welsh Churches, effective March 19, 2017.
- b) Approved commissioning Cynthia McKay, Judith Baker, and Peggy Holcomb as Presbytery CREs, per policy.

## b. COMMISSION FOR PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS

- i. Authorized William Lucas to select an appraiser and that Presbytery pay for the appraisals with the cost to be reimbursed from the sale of one or both properties.
- ii. Granted permission to the First Presbyterian Church of Lancaster to sell a house at 122 E. Mulberry St. in Lancaster.
- iii. Received the resignation of Connie Rhind as Financial Assistant, effective May 15, 2017, and authorized Bill Acklin and Kristin Schutte to proceed with filling the position and that Jeannie and Rick were authorized to take necessary temporary staffing measures.
- iv. Approved the position description for a volunteer treasurer (with stipend) to be nominated by the Committee for Nominations on recommendation from this Commission, and elected by the Presbytery. This is a one year term position. The position will be filled for the unexpired portion of the 2017 term and for the 2018 term.

- v. Separated the stated clerk position from the treasurer's position and set aside functions which could be part of a presbyter position. This position will be nominated by the Committee for Nominations and elected by the Presbytery. The position will be for the unexpired term which runs through 2019.

c. COMMISSION FOR NURTURE AND OUTREACH

1. Approved Neighborhood Mission Grants

McArthur Presbyterian Church for a layette program. It was agreed to approve funding for \$500.00, rather than the \$1,000.00 requested, with 8 voting yes and one no. A letter will be sent informing them of the award and encouraging them to reapply in 6 months for additional funds.

6. Receive the Statistical Reports to the General Assembly for 2015

i. REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE ROLL OF MINISTERS AND CONGREGATIONS IN THE PRESBYTERY FOR 2016

a. Roll of Teaching Elders

Total as of January 1, 2016	189
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GAINS:

Received from other Presbyteries	7
Ordained	2
Received to other Denominations	0
Restored	<u>0</u>
Total gains	9

LOSSES:

Deaths	3
Dismissed to other Presbyteries	6
Dismissed to other Denominations	2
Other	<u>0</u>
Total losses	11

Total as of December 31, 2016	187
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b. Roll of Congregations

Total as of January 1, 2016	101
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GAINS:	0
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LOSSES:	2
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Total as of December 31, 2016	99
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ii. SUMMARY OF STATISTICAL INFORMATION FROM CONGREGATIONS IN THE PRESBYTERY FOR 2015

Total as of January 1, 2016	17.726
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GAINS:

Profession 17/Under	161
Profession 18/Over	240
Certificate	124

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Other	<u>55</u>	
Total gains	580	
LOSSES		
Certificate	94	
Deaths	281	
Other	<u>960</u>	
Total losses	1,335	
Total as of December 31, 2016		16,971

- iii. SUMMARY REPORT OF CONGREGATIONS (Attachment 4)
- iv. BREAKDOWN OF MEMBERSHIP, RECEIPTS, AND EXPENDITURES BY CONGREGATION (Attachment 5)

## 7. Elder Equalization Report

Pursuant to the former G-11.0101b (under which we are still operating until we replace it in a new presbytery manual of operations), “When the number of resident ministers entitled to vote in the presbytery is greater than the number of ruling elders so entitled, it shall redress this imbalance annually by providing for the election, appointment, or selection of additional ruling elders, paying special attention to the concerns of G-9.0104. Presbyteries facing an imbalance due to a large number of resident honorably retired minister members may, by presbytery rule, use active participation of honorably retired members as a criterion in determining balance.”

At the end of 2016 the Presbytery had 92 non-retired teaching elders in validated ministries, 17 at-large teaching elder members, and 83 retired teaching elders, for a total of 192 teaching elders.

Each congregation is entitled to at least one elder commissioner. Under the former G-11.0101a, “Churches with membership over 500 shall be represented as follows:

- 501-1000 – 2 ruling elders
- 1001-1500 – 3 ruling elders
- 1501-2000 – 4 ruling elders”

Under these provisions, based on the reported membership of the presbytery’s 99 congregations for December 31, 2016, 91 congregations (all congregations other than those identified below) are entitled to one ruling elder commissioner. The following are entitled to more than one ruling elder commissioner:

Columbus Broad Street (777)	2
Columbus Covenant (591)	2
Columbus Overbrook (522)	2
Delaware Liberty (1,409)	3
Granville First (519)	2

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Lancaster First (513)	2
Westerville Central College (1,529)	4
Worthington (1,334)	<u>3</u>
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Thus, for 2017-2018 (until adoption of the next statistical report) the congregations of the Presbytery are entitled to send 111 ruling elder commissioners to Presbytery. In addition, under the presbytery's standing rules, 43 ruling elders will serve as commissioners with voice and vote by virtue of office, serving as elected officers of the Presbytery (0), members of Presbytery Commissions or Coordinating Team (20), serving as commissioned ruling elders (22), or serving as certified Christian Educators (1), for a total of 154 ruling elders.

Accordingly, for 2017-2018, there will be a total of 346 eligible commissioners at a Presbytery meeting (154 ruling elder commissioners, and 192 teaching elders, 83 of whom are retired.

During 2016, for four stated meetings, the average attendance of active teaching elders (in validated ministries or at-large) was 46 and the average attendance of honorably retired teaching elders was 10, for a total of 56. The average attendance of ruling elders was 49 out of a possible 152.

In the judgment of the stated clerk, no further adjustment is necessary to maintain the balance of ruling elders and teaching elders.

8. Synod Report

Receive the report of the Synod of the Covenant Assembly, March 16-18, 2017.  
(Attachment 6)

9. Enrollment Clerk

Appoint Dagmar Romage as Enrollment Clerk for the meeting.

The Consent Agenda was approved on voice vote.

## IV. To STEWARD CHRIST'S WORK

### COMMISSION FOR CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Christine Burns reported for the Commission. She called on Brian Harroff and Don Hilkerbaumer to present the first reading of a policy for the Pastor Nominating Committee Recommending Temporary Pastor as Pastor. The policy will be voted on at the September meeting.

Ms. Burns called on Bob Armstrong to make a presentation about Mission Insite, a set of internet based demographic tools to which the Presbytery subscribes for use by congregations.

## AMENDMENTS TO THE BOOK OF ORDER

Stated clerk Richard Hays gave a brief overview of the amendments to the Book of Order which were approved by the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016) for vote of the presbyteries. He reported that because of the lateness of the date, the requisite majority of presbyteries had already approved the amendments. A motion was made that the presbytery respond to all the overtures with an affirmative vote. The motion was approved on voice vote.

- 16-A **Child and Youth Protection Policy** – On amending G-3.0106: Affirmative
- 16-B **Parity in Committees** – On amending G-3.0109: Affirmative
- 16-C **Ordered Ministry Titles**
  - 16-C.1. On amending F-3.0202: Affirmative
  - 16-C.2. On amending G-2.0102: Affirmative
  - 16-C.3. On amending G-2.0301: Affirmative
  - 16-C.4. On amending G-2.05 and G-2.0501: Affirmative
  - 16-C.5. On amending G-2.0701: Affirmative
  - 16-C.6. On amending G-3.0307: Affirmative
  - 16-C.7. On amending Titles in Directory for Worship and Rules of Discipline: Affirmative
  - 16-C.8. On amending W-4.4001 a: Affirmative
- 16-D **Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church**
  - 16-D.1. On amending G-2.0509: Affirmative
  - 16-D.2. On amending D-10.0401: Affirmative
- 16-E **Certified Service Requirements** – On amending G-2.1101: Affirmative
- 16-F **The Ministry of Members** – On amending G-1.0304: Affirmative
- 16-G **Access to the Lord's Table** – On amending W-2.4011a and b: Affirmative
- 16-H **Revised Directory for Worship** – On replacing the Directory for Worship: Affirmative

## COMMISSION FOR PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS

Robert Gustafson reported for the Commission. On behalf of the Commission he presented the audit report of HW & Co. for 2014-2015 to be received by the Presbytery. The motion was approved. (Attachment 7) He noted that the audit for 2016 was already under way.

Roger Au presented the process for the creation of the 2018 Operating Fund Budget. for adoption by the presbytery.

Mr. Gustafson presented the plan to divide up the responsibilities Richard Hays has performed as stated clerk/treasurer as the Commission prepares to fill the positions on his retirement. He

explained the process. The Committee for Nominations is responsible for nominating the stated clerk for election by the Presbytery. The Commission is responsible for presenting a treasurer candidate to the Nominations Committee for election by the Presbytery. Committee for Nominations chair Carla Mavis said that she had stated clerk applications for interested individuals.

On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Gustafson moved that the Presbytery call a special meeting for 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 18, for the purpose of receiving the report of the Committee for Nominations and electing the new stated clerk and treasurer. The motion was approved.

### **COMMISSION FOR NURTURE AND OUTREACH**

Mary Gause reported for the Commission. She reported that the 2017 presbytery mission work trip will be October 22-28 to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, to do fire remediation work. There are 32 spaces available.

There is a possibility of the Presbytery hosting an International Peacemaker for several days between September 22 and October 16. Interested congregations should contact her. The Commission is willing to assist several congregations which wish to work together on this.

The Green event held before the Presbytery meeting featured Rebecca Barnes who talked about earth care congregations. The Commission hopes to continue the discussion.

Desiree Youngblood highlighted the Older Adult Rally which will be held Sunday, August 27 at the Columbus Overbrook Church.

Upcoming events include the Fall Youth Rally, Saturday, September 30, at the Pickerington Prince of Peace Church; the 2018 PIE Event, January 6, 2018 at the Hilliard Church; and the 2018 Winter Youth Retreat, February 23-25, at Camp Akita.

### **COMMISSION FOR CHURCH PROFESSIONALS**

Donald Hilkerbaumer reported for the Commission.

Commission member Ann Melick introduced Gary Brose, who is serving as chaplain for the Capital City Hospice. He comes to the area from Cincinnati.

Commission member Kae Merold presented for first reading the revised Certified Ruling Elder policy. This will be voted on at the September meeting.

Ms. Merold introduced formerly commissioned ruling elders Judith Baker (Groveport) and Cynthia McKay (Columbus Boulevard) and ruling elder Peggy Holcomb (Dublin), currently commissioned to the Dublin Church. They have been approved by the Commission to serve the churches of Presbytery to moderate sessions or to administer sacraments in congregations

without installed pastors. Moderator Ramsey led the Presbytery in commissioning the three certified ruling elders to the Presbytery's service.

On behalf of the Commission, Mr. Hilkerbaumer moved that the Presbytery receive the Rev. Mathias Geh Akih, a minister of Word and Sacrament ordained December 13, 2006, by the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon, and who, in the judgment of the Commission, has met all the necessary requirements for ordination by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), has met the requirements of the Book of Order for the transfer of ministers from another Reformed church (G-2.0205a.(2), and has renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church of Cameroon. He has been a temporary member of the Presbytery since September 2013, and has served as the organizing pastor of the Grace Community Cameroon Presbyterian Fellowship. He became a United States citizen in September 2016. A two-thirds vote is required. The Presbytery voted unanimously to receive Mr. Akih as a full member of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley and the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Mr. Akih expressed his appreciation for the Presbytery and his gratefulness for the opportunity to serve God in this setting. Mr. Hilkerbaumer led the Presbytery in prayer for Mr. Akih and his ministry.

### **COORDINATING TEAM**

Ginny Shanda reported for the Team. She presented the name of Don Hilkerbaumer to serve on the Committee for Nominations, class of 2019.

### **STAFF REPORT**

Executive Presbyter Dr. Jeannie Harsh expressed thanks for the work of everyone who helped make the move of the Presbytery offices to the new office suite in the Overbrook Church. The staff and commissions have settled in and are making themselves at home. Everyone is delighted with the facilities and are most appreciative of the graciousness of the Overbrook church for their accommodations.

Last presbytery meeting Rick Hays announced that he would retire the end of September as stated clerk and treasurer. The process for filling those positions has been announced. Another change in the Presbytery staff has occurred. Financial assistant Connie Rhind has resigned effective May 15, to take a position with the Special Olympics of Ohio. The Commission for Presbytery Operations has contracted with John Wyckoff of the Overbrook Church to be the temporary financial assistant.

Dr. Harsh noted that May was Older Adults Month. The Presbytery's congregations are blessed with talented, skilled, strong, vital, and energetic people who do the church's work, many of whom are older adults. Their ministry should be celebrated.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Charlotte O'Neil thanked the churches who assist the UKirk program by providing meals for their meetings.

The Columbus Bethany congregation will be celebrating its 99<sup>th</sup> anniversary in July.

The Portsmouth First congregation will be celebrating its 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary May 20-21.

The Pickerington Prince of Peace Church is happy to host a GMIM (Indonesian Presbyterian) congregation which will be celebrating its first anniversary in September.

The Plain City Church will be hosting a Spiritual Renewal Weekend with Robert Russell, pastor of the Louisville, Kentucky, Southeast Christian Church, June 10-11.

Ginny Teitt invited everyone to the 112<sup>th</sup> New Wilmington Mission Conference, July 22-29.

Ann B. Walker informed the Presbytery that the Columbus Foundation was holding a series of Table Talks about the community in its needs and opportunities.

### ENROLLMENT REPORT

### ADJOURNMENT

On motion the meeting was adjourned with prayer by vice-moderator Jim Boggs at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard S. Hays  
Stated Clerk

### Attachments (Permanent Record)

1. Roll – May 16, 2017
2. Agenda – May 16, 2017
3. March 31, 2017 Unaudited Financial and Per Capita and Mission Giving Reports
4. Summary Statistical Report for December 31, 2016
5. Congregational Statistics Report for December 31, 2016
6. Synod of the Covenant Report – March 16-18, 2017
7. Summary Audit Report for 2014-2015



## Attachment 1

Roll – May 16, 2017

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Elder Commissioner</b>
Amanda	Elizabeth Tietz, CRE - P	
Amesville-New England		
Athens Alexander		
Athens First	Robert Martin - P	
Bloomingsburg First	Randy Terry, SS - E	
	Lawrence R. Hoffmann, SS/HR - E	
Bremen Bethel		
Chillicothe First	Jasen Link - P	
Circleville	Jeri-Lynne Bouterse - E	
Columbus Bethany	Michael Wilson - A	Lawrence P. Rollins
Columbus Boulevard	Preston Shealy - P	Grace Parks
Columbus Broad Street	Amy Miracle - P	Betty Lou Stull
	Ann Palmerton - P	Jim Wilson
Columbus Bookwood	John Birkner - P	
	Amy House - P	
Columbus Christ	Pamela Patterson, CRE - E	Sharon Orbaker - E
Columbus Covenant	Tracy R. Keenan - P	Carol Craven
	Katherine Kinnison - A	
Columbus Crestview		
Columbus Eastminster		
Columbus Fairmoor	Patricia Moats - P	
Columbus Glen Echo	Leland Platt - P	Kathleen Walton
Columbus Grace Community	Mathias Akih - P	
Columbus Highlands	Ron Botts - P	Amanda Reinehr
Columbus Hoge Memorial		David A. Colborn
Columbus Indianola	Sydney V. Jackson - E	Ed Kinschner
Columbus Korean	Joon Won Lee - P	
Columbus Old First	Deb Bergmann, CRE-A	
Columbus Orimia Evangelical	Zegeye Hambissa, CRE - A	
Columbus Overbrook	Bill Gause - P	Elaine Nordstrom
	Mary Gause - P	John Sibley
	Justice Agyemang Ofosuhenne - P	
Columbus Ramseyer	Patricia Moats	Patricia A. Parry
Columbus Shady Lane	Phyllis A. Heffner - A	Fred Vaughan
Columbus St. Andrew	Douglas Browne - E	James Benney
Columbus Westminster		

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Elder Commissioner</b>
Delaware Concord	Virginia Teitt -P	Tom Tipton
Delaware First	Deb Patterson - E	
Delaware Liberty	John Hart - P	
	Rebecca Hart - P	
	Todd Tracy - P	
	Kyle Doeblor - A	
Delaware Old Stone	Don Hilkerbaumer - P	Doug Warner
Delaware West Berlin	Robert J. Gustafson, CRE - P	Jerianne Gooding
Dublin	Jennifer Eastman Hinkle - P	Beth Marsh
	Peggy Holcomb, CRE - P	
Frankfort Concord	Todd Thomas, CRE - P	
Frankfort Concord	Todd Thomas	Steve Smith
Fredericktown First	Christine Burns, CRE - P	
Gahanna Mifflin	David L. Bubbs - E	Georgiana Van Syckle
Gallipolis First	Timothy J. Luoma - E	
Galloway	Thom Shuman - P	
Granville First	Karen J. Chakoian - A	
	Janice Hilkerbaumer - P	
	Trip E. Porch - P	
Greenfield Pisgah Mt. Pleasant		
Grove City	Robert R. Tolar Jr. - P	
Groveport	Christina Piper, CRE - P	
Harrisonville		
Hilliard	Robert G. Armstrong - P	Brad Patch
Homer	M. Stephen Merold SS, HR - P	
Iberia	Patricia A. Stout, SS, HR - P	
Ironton First	Carson J. Hunt, CRE - E	
Jackson First	James P. Shuman - P	
Johnstown	Kevin Heckathorn - P	Tim Loehr
Kingston Mt. Pleasant	Barry Bennett, SS - A	
Kingston Whisler	Donald Frank, TS - A	
Lancaster First	Matthew Richardson - A	Marjory Trishman
		Ed Pool
Lithopolis Bloom	Catherine Hill, CRE - P	
Logan First	Roger Au - P	Martin Hammar
London First	Gordon E. Johnson - A	Thomas Lloyd
	Marsha Sternad, CRE - E	
Marion Forest Lawn	Edward Rollins, CRE - A	
Marion Lee Street		Janis Walters

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Elder Commissioner</b>
Marysville First	Richard Mickley, CRE - P Robinson Sally - E	
McArthur		
Middleport First	James V. Synder, CRE- A	
Mt. Gilead	Deb Bowsher - P	Charles Howland
Mt. Vernon	Brian Harroff - P	Charlie Reitsma
Nelsonville	Peter Galbraith - P	
New Albany	David H. Milroy -A	
Newark First	Steven Brand - P	
Newark Hanover	Sarah Juist - P	
Newark Second		
Newark Woodside		
Oak Hill Bethel	Linda Plummer, CRE - A	
Oak Hill Horeb	Linda Plummer, CRE	
Oak Hill Moriah		
Oak Hill Presbyterian	Linda Plummer, CRE	
Oak Hill Sardis		
Ostrander	Thomas Martin - P	
Pataskala First	Jennifer Turick - P	
Pataskala Jersey		
Pataskala Outville	L. Kae Merold, CRE - P	Mary Ramey
Pickerington Prince of Peace	Desiree Youngblood - P	Ann Eblin
Plain City	Alice L. Phillips - P	
Portsmouth First	Bruce A. Kreutzer - P	Betty Kennedy
Portsmouth Second	Allison T. Bauer - A	
Reynoldsburg First		
Reynoldsburg Parkview	Nate L. Manzo - A	
Sedalia Midway	Randy Terry - E	
Sunbury Condit	Annn Melick - P	
Utica	Terry Holobaugh, CRE - A	
Washington Court House First	James Gray Marshall - P	Elaine Crutcher
Washington Court House		
McNair	Steven A. Watters, CRE - P	
Waverly First	Richard S. Hays - P	
Wellston	John Pelletier, CRE - A	
Rushville Rushcreek		
Westerville Central College	Malcolm S. Davis - A David Redding - P	
Westerville First	Mark L. Gauen - P	

<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Elder Commissioner</b>
Wilkesville First Worthington	Ann Moody, CRE - A Julia Wharff Piermont - P Thomas F. Rice - P Elizabeth B. Rice - P Wayne D. Morrison - E	Mary Dahs Kathy Mend Jeff White

## Minister Members at Large- Honorably Retired

Alexander George	Birdsall Judith	Boone Rawley D.
Armstrong Robert J.	Bloom Karen	Bougher Phillip
Baker Gareth	Black Jane E.	Briley Robert
Bastin Dan E.	Bogue Catherine	Campbell Martha
Campbell William M.	Mason Edna C.	Schutte Kristin - P
Clark Harold	McGloshen Thomas H.	Seitz Jean N.
Clokey Donald	Mehaffey George O.	Sensenbrenner Edward
Draves Nancy	Mehler Jim	Siehl Jonathan
Ellsworth Richard	Merold Mark Stephen	Simcox Leland J.
Fisher Evan D.	Meyer Carroll	Smith Maurice
Gifford Theresa C.	Miller Laurence E. - P	Smith Rudolph W. - P
Gray J. Robert	Mori Thomas J.	Smith Warrenner Susan - E
Gregg Gerald J.	Moser Keith D.	Stansbery Leslie E.
Groat John M.	Mykrantz Jane P.	Stenner Charles E.
Grove James	Nagy Fancis R.	Stull John - P
Hare Frank E.	Obetz Robin W.	Swift Donald D. - E
Henderson Bruce A.	Parham, Ward	Taggart Julian
Hilkerbaumer Donald	Pendell W. Donald - P	Terry Elizabeth - E
Hitt, Mary Jane	Ping Charles J.	Vickers Don F.
Hoffhine Judith	Puckett Kathryn A.K.	Weiss Carol R.
Hoffmann Lawrence	Pursell Jack Lewis - P	Weiss Wayne F.
Huntley Reid D. - P	Reed Arthur - P	Wendt, Alan D.
Johnson William T.	Ramsey Charlsie - P	Whybrew Lyndon E.
Jones Timothy	Reed Arthur - E	Williams Georgiana
Kongshaug Oluf	Riedel Richard	Wickliff Larry
Kuckuck John W.	Robinson Sally	Worthen J. David
Leety William - P	Salmon Robert	Yang Hyung Choon
Lewicki, Deborah - P	Sauer Leslie - P	Zingg Otto M. - P
Manos John J.	Sauer Sharon - E	
Martin Thomas	Schmidt Beverly	

## Member-at-Large

Bolinger Joan	Eldridge William J.	Marshall Ann - P
Braswell Scott	Faulkner David R.	Quist John W.
Brose Gary - P	Fulton Bethany	Redding Marion
Burse Cynthia - E	Jones Keith	
Dryburgh Dallas M. - P	Kim Myong Sun - P	

## Validated Ministry-Other Service

Baughman Charlene	Jaynes Jeffrey P.	Peterson-Jung Karen
Callison Greg - E	Kim Paul H.C.	Pierce Mark
Coberly Robert	Ludwig Michael - E	Shields Mary E.
Corzine, Emily - P	Maurath Elisabeth - P	Tollefson Rebecca - P
Esala Joel - P	Mercadante Linda	Woods Michael - P
Harsh Jeannie - P	O'Neil Charlotte - P	Yochum Margaret - E

## Ruling Elders serving on Commissions

Bill Acklin - P	Robert Gustafson - P	Ginny Shanda - P
Bob Bethge	Jim Hamilton	David Wear
Kathi Bubb - P	Susan Imel - P	Keith Williams
Carol Evans	Carla Mavis - P	Karen Zent - P
Richard Glass - P	Marquell Segelken - P	

## Staff:

Jeannie Harsh - P	Dagmar Ramage - P
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## Candidates and Inquirers

## Certified Christian Educator

Brittany Porch	Jenni Whitford
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## Corresponding Members

Rebecca Barnes, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Guests: 16 - A detailed list is available upon request.

Minutes of  
**THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY**  
**SPECIAL MEETING**

Overbrook Presbyterian Church  
4131 North High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43214  
July 18, 2017

**GOD CALLS US THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT TO CONNECT WITH EACH OTHER TO PLANT,  
GROW AND NURTURE VITAL, FAITHFUL COMMUNITIES OF CHRIST FOR SERVICE AND MINISTRY.  
IN RESPONSE, WE BUILD PARTNERSHIPS,  
COMMUNICATE WITH AND SUPPORT CONGREGATIONS, LEADERS, AND INDIVIDUALS,  
AND EMBODY CHRIST’S TRANSFORMING LOVE IN THE WORLD.**

**SPECIAL MEETING**

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) held a special meeting at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio, on Tuesday, July 18, 2017.

**V. CONVENING THE MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. by vice-moderator ruling elder James Boggs and opened with prayer.

**VI. CERTIFICATION OF THE CALL FOR THE MEETING**

The vice-moderator called on stated clerk Richard Hays to certify the meeting. The stated clerk read the call for the meeting.

*The Presbytery of Scioto Valley took action at its May 16, 2017 stated meeting to call a special meeting for Tuesday, July 18, 2017, at 6:00 p.m., at the Columbus Overbrook Church, 4131 N. High St., for the purpose of electing a stated clerk and a treasurer to succeed the retiring Richard Hays. The Committee for Nominations reports that it has a nominee for treasurer. It also reports that it will present the nominee for stated clerk at the September 19, 2017 meeting.*

*The Moderator of the Presbytery, the Rev. Charlsie Ramsey has received two proper requests for special presbytery meetings.*

*The Administrative Commission for the Marion Forest Lawn Church has requested a special meeting to make a report and request additional authority from the Presbytery.*

*The Committee for Nominations has requested a special meeting for the purpose of nominating a chair for the Coordinating Team (Class of 2017) due to the resignation of Elder Ginny Shanda, who is moving out of the Presbytery, and a ruling elder commissioner to the Synod of the Covenant (Class of 2017) (also held by Ginny Shanda). The Synod meets August 4.*

*As both of these requests were in order (the Committee for Nominations and the Administrative Commission for the Forest Lawn Church each have more than the requisite two (2) ruling elders and two (2) teaching elders required to issue a call for a special meeting) the Moderator has added these requests to the agenda for the July 18th special meeting.*

### III. FORMATION OF THE ROLL AND RECOGNITION OF A QUORUM

The stated clerk, Richard Hays, announced that the “quorum of a meeting of the Presbytery shall be 5% of the minister members on the active roll of the Presbytery and an equal number of elders, each representing a different church of the Presbytery,” as outlined in the Presbytery standing rules. (The active roll of minister members is 190, so the minimum quorum of presbyters will be 10 teaching elders and 10 ruling elders from 10 different congregations.) Mr. Hays announced that the roll was being formed by means of the sign-in sheets.

The stated clerk declared that a quorum of the Presbytery was present for the meeting.

### IV. COMMITTEE FOR PRESBYTERY NOMINATIONS

Ruling elder William Acklin reported for the committee. He presented the name of teaching elder Roger Au to be elected to fill out the unexpired term (2017) of Richard Hays as Presbytery Treasurer. There were no nominations from the assembly. Mr. Au was elected on voice vote.

Mr. Acklin presented the name of ruling elder Debra Bergmann (Sunbury Condit Church and commissioned pastor at Columbus Old First Church) to fill out the unexpired term (2017) of the commissioner to the Synod of the Covenant. There were no nominations from the assembly. Ms. Bergmann was elected on voice vote.

Mr. Acklin presented the name of ruling elder Richard Glass (Washington Court House First Church) to fill out the unexpired term (2017) of chair of the Coordinating Team. There were no nominations from the assembly. Mr. Glass was elected on voice vote.

## V. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION FOR THE MARION FOREST LAWN CHURCH

Teaching elder Douglas Browne, moderator of the Administrative Commission for the Marion Lawn Church, reported for the commission.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley took action at the September 20, 2016, meeting to adopt the request of the previous Administrative Commission for the Gracious Separation of the Marion First and Forest Lawn Churches to dissolve that commission and form a new commission specifically for the Marion Forest Lawn Church. The charge approved for that commission is as follows:

1. to reiterate the presbytery's invitation to the session of Forest Lawn Presbyterian Church of Marion (Forest Lawn) to enter into the presbytery's Communal Discernment and Gracious Separation policy and, if that invitation is accepted, to appoint the members of the Discernment Team;
2. to require or request, have access to, receive, and review all documents of Forest Lawn, including but not limited to business and financial records of the congregation and the corporation [G-3.0107, G-3.0108, G-3.0204];
3. to ensure that the provisions of the Constitution are followed in the governance of Forest Lawn, including but not limited to G-4.0101, G-4.0102, G-4.0202, and G-4.0204;
4. to direct that corrective action be taken if matters are determined to be out of compliance with the Constitution [G-3.0108c];
5. to make provision for and to name a moderator [G-1.0504 and G-3.0201];
6. to call meetings of the congregation [G-1.0502] and the session [G-3.0203], if necessary, to transact business in accordance with the Book of Order;
7. if it becomes evident that the church is in 'schism,' to determine the 'true church' within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in this matter [G-4.0207];
8. to investigate thoroughly and to provide a full opportunity for the session to be heard, and if it concludes that the session is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs, to assume original jurisdiction with the full power of the session [G-3.0303e] or any specific power of the session;
9. to consult with ruling elders, including commissioned ruling elders, to provide written notice of disapproval, and, if the ruling elder persists in the work, to conclude that he or she has renounced the jurisdiction of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) [G-2.0407; G- 2.0509];
10. if necessary, to dissolve pastoral relationships, including commissioned ruling elder relationships, fully observing the due process requirements of the Constitution [G-2.0901ff.];
11. to consider the viability of the congregation and make recommendations to the Presbytery in that regard;
12. to safeguard all property of Forest Lawn, which continues to be held in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and to determine the ownership of any Forest Lawn property that has been transferred to third parties;
14. to seek relief in civil court, if necessary, and/or to respond to court actions instituted by others, to remedy any omission, error, or misdeed on the part of the session, the congregation, or the members (or any other entity that purports to act or have acted on behalf of Forest Lawn or that has interfered with the relationship between Forest Lawn and the Presbytery or the Presbytery's fiduciary duties with respect to the property Forest Lawn holds in trust for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and

15. to report to appropriate governmental authorities any violations of law with respect to the activities of the session, the congregation, or the members of Forest Lawn, and to act for the Presbytery in any governmental actions arising from such reports.

Mr. Browne explained that the session and commissioned pastor of the Forest Lawn Church have claimed that the congregation officially “disaffiliated” from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) July 15, 2016, and therefore has no need to be in conversation with the Presbytery of Scioto Valley or its commission.

Mr. Browne moved on behalf of the Administrative Commission that Presbytery of Scioto Valley assume original jurisdiction of the existing session.

#### G-3.0303 Relations with Session

e. assume original jurisdiction in any situation in which it determines that a session cannot exercise its authority. After a thorough investigation, and after full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session, the presbytery may conclude that the session of a congregation is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs, and may appoint an administrative commission with the full power of session. This commission shall assume original jurisdiction of the existing session, if any, which shall cease to act until such time as the presbytery shall otherwise direct.

Several questions were asked and answered. The motion was reread and passed on voice vote.

## VI. ADJOURNMENT

The assigned business of the special meeting having been received and acted on, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved. The meeting was closed with prayer by vice-moderator Kae Merold at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Richard S. Hays  
Stated Clerk

#### Attachments:

1. Roll – July 18, 2017 (Permanent Record)

## Attachment

### Roll – July 18, 2017

Athens, First PC	Robert Martin	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, Bethany	Lawrence Rollins	Commissioner
Columbus, Boulevard PC	Cindy McKay	Commissioned Pastor
Columbus, Broad Street PC	Betty Lou Stull	Commissioner
Columbus, Broad Street PC	Ann Palmerton	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, Christ PC	Pam Patterson	Commissioned Pastor
Columbus, Christ PC	Sharon Orbaker	Commissioner
Columbus, Covenant	Susan Imel	Commission for Nurture and Outreach
Columbus, Glenn Echo PC	William Lucas	Commissioner
Columbus, Glenn Echo PC	Lee Platt	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, Highlands PC	Brenda Wilson	Commissioner
Columbus, Highlands PC	Ron Botts	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, Hoge Memorial PC	Dave Colborn	Commissioner
Columbus, Hoge Memorial PC	Carolyn Colborn	Visitor
Columbus, Indianola PC	Skip Jackson	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, Indianola PC	Ed Kinschner	Commissioner
Columbus, Indianola		
Presbyterian Church	Susan Warrener Smith	Honorably Retired
Columbus, Old First PC	Margaret Ann Samuels	Commissioner
Columbus, Old First PC	Deb Bergman	Commissioned Pastor
Columbus, Overbrook PC	Jim Kneessi	Commissioner
Columbus, Overbrook PC	Bill Gause	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, Overbrook PC	Mary Gause	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, Overbrook PC	Mary Gause	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, Ramseyer PC	Justice Ofosehene	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Columbus, St. Andrew PC	Ginny Shanda	Coordinating Team
Columbus, St. Andrew PC	Mark Shanda	Commissioner
		Marion Forest Lawn Administrative
Columbus, St. Andrew PC	Fred Vaughan	Commission
Columbus, Westminster	Jim Benney	Commissioner
		Minister of Word and Sacrament & Marion
Columbus, Westminster PC	Douglas Browne	Forest Lawn Com.
Delaware, Old Stone PC	Don	Commissioner
Dublin PC	Karen Zent	Commission for Presbytery Operations
Fredericktown, First	Christine Burns	Commissioned Pastor
Gahanna, Mifflin PC	Marquell Segelken	Commissioner
Gahanna, Mifflin PC	David Bubb	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Gahanna, Mifflin PC	Kathi Bubb	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Gahanna, Mifflin PC	Ned Segelken	Commissioner

Granville, First PC	Bill Acklin	Commission for Presbytery Operations
Grove City, First PC	Helen Huntington	Commissioner
Grove City, First PC	Robert Tolar	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Hilliard PC	Bob Armstrong	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Lancaster, First PC	Ed Pool	Commissioner
Logan, First PC	Roger Au	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Marysville, First	Jeff Schooley	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Marysville, First	Jim Clark	Commissioner
		Minister of Word and Sacrament & Marion Forest Lawn Com.
Mt. Gilead, First PC	Deb Bowsher	Presbytery Vice-Moderator
Pataskala, First PC	Jim Boggs	Commissioner
Pataskala, Outville PC	Rod Van Winkle	Commissioned Pastor
Pataskala, Outville PC	Kae Merold	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Pickerington, Prince of Peace PC	Desiree M.Youngblood	Visitor
Pickerington, Prince of Peace PC	Mark Johnson	Commissioner
Pickerington, Prince of Peace PC	Ann Eblin	Visitor
St. James Episcopal Church	Bruce Smith	Commissioner
Sunbury, Condit PC	Sue Overturf	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Waverly, First	Charlotte O'Neil	Presbytery Stated Clerk/Treasurer
Waverly, First PC	Richard S. Hays	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Westerville, First	Mark Gauen	Commissioner
Westerville, First	Doug Dunlope	Stated Supply
Worthington PC	Betsy Rice	Pastor for Discipleship
Worthington PC	Tom Rice	Commissioner
Worthington PC	Peggy Foster	Commissioner
Worthington PC	Mary Dahs	Commissioner
Worthington PC	Kathy Mead	Visitor
Worthington PC	Harry Mead	Member-at-Large
	Gary Brose	Member-at-Large, Coordinating Team
	Myong Kim	Specialized Ministry
	Rebecca Tollefson	Honorably Retired, Commission for Presbytery Operations
	Kristen Schutte	Chaplain, Marion General Hospital
	Charlene Baughman	Honorably Retired
	Jack Lewis Pursell	Honorably Retired
	Arthur Reed	Honorably Retired
	Philip Bougher	Executive Presbyter
	Jeannie C. Harsh	

## Registered Excuses

Thom Shuman  
Preston Shealy  
Jason Link

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Jeri-Lynne Bouterse  
Betsey Maurath  
Jennifer Eastman Hinkle

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## Roll Changes

### Receive:

Jeffrey Schooley, from the Presbytery of Washington

Mary Gene Boteler, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati

### Dismiss:

Maurice Smith, to the Presbytery of Shenango

Brian Harroff, to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia

### Change:

David Faulkner from Member-at-Large to Honorably Retired

Gerald Gregg, remove because of death.

## Administrative Commission Appointments and Minutes

### A. Appointments

1. Moderator Charlise Ramsey appointed Deborah Bowsher (TE, Mt. Gilead) as a member of the Administrative Commission for the Marion Forest Lawn Church.

### B. Minutes

1. Minutes of Administrative Commission to Install Reverend Sarah Juist as Pastor of Hanover Presbyterian Church

The following Commission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley convened with prayer at 2:15 p.m. on April 30, 2017, to approve the installation of Rev. Sarah Juist as Pastor for Hanover Presbyterian Church. The following Commission Members were present:

Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
Rev. Charlise Ramsey, Vice-Moderator, Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
Lynne McLeish, Chair of Pastoral Nominating Committee, Hanover PC, Hanover, OH  
Ron McLeish, Clerk of Session, Hanover Presbyterian Church  
Jenn McKee, Ruling Elder for Worship, Hanover PC, Hanover, OH  
Doug Wills, Ruling Elder for Personnel and Stewardship, Hanover PC, Hanover, OH  
Rev. Steve Brand, Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Newark OH

The Commission took action to invite and seat as corresponding member the following:

Rev. Kayla Fik, Ministries coordinator, Classis Zeeland, Reformed Church in America

The commission reviewed the order of service, seating, and the logistics of the service. There was a motion and second to approve & proceed with the installation service as presented and to dismiss the commission following the benediction. The motion was unanimously approved after finding everything in order to proceed.

The commission meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:35 p.m.

The installation was completed in the worship service that followed. The installation sermon was preached by Rev. Kayla Fik. A Community of Saints, unable to be present, charged the pastor by means of letters read aloud.

Rev. Dr. Sue Rozeboom, Assistant Professor of Liturgical Theology, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI  
Rev. Travis West, Professor of Hebrew and Old Testament, Western Theological Seminary, Holland, MI  
Rev. Jennifer Porter, Associate Pastor for Mission & Pastoral Care, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, MI  
Rev. Chandler Stokes, Senior Pastor, Westminster Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, MI

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Charlsie Ramsey, Vice-Moderator

2. Minutes of Administrative Commission to Commission CRE Jim Snyder as Pastor of the Oak Hill Moriah and Sardis Presbyterian Churches

The following Commission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley convened with prayer at 2:15 p.m., May 7, 2017, to approve the commissioning of Certified Ruling Elder Jim Snyder as Pastor for the Oak Hill Sardis and Moriah Presbyterian Churches.

The following Commission Members were present:

Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter, Scioto Valley Presbytery.  
Rev. Charlsie Ramsey, Hon. Ret., Moderator of Scioto Valley Presbytery.  
Pastor Christine Burns, CRE Pastor of Fredricktown First Presbyterian Church.  
Pastor Ann Moody, CRE Pastor of Wilkesville First Presbyterian Church.  
Mrs. Karen Jones, Ruling Elder, Clerk of Session Moriah Presbyterian Church.  
Mrs. Anna Mae Evans, Ruling Elder, Clerk of Session Sardis Presbyterian Church.

Also participating in the service were:

Carson Hunt, CRE, Ironton  
Kae Merold, CRE Pataskala Outville  
William Evans, Sardis Church  
Karen Matthews, accompanist, Moriah Church

The commission reviewed the order of service, seating, and the logistics of the service. There was a motion and second to approve & proceed with the commissioning service as presented and to dismiss the commission following the benediction. The motion was unanimously approved after finding everything in order to proceed.

The commission meeting was adjourned with prayer at 2:35 p.m.

The commissioning was completed in the worship service that followed. The commissioning sermon was preached by CRE Christine Burns. Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh delivered the charge to the Pastor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Charlsie Ramsey, Vice-Moderator

3. Minutes of Commission to Install Rev. Jeffrey A. Schooley as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Marysville, OH Presbytery of Scioto Valley
4. The following Commission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley convened with prayer at 3.10 p.m. on August 20, 2017 to approve the installation of Rev. Jeffrey A. Schooley at the First Presbyterian Church in Marysville, OH.

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The following Commission Members were present: (Include name, office/position held – teaching or ruling elder, church name/location of service/call)

Mary Bishop, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Marysville  
Mark Crosthwaite, Elder, First Presbyterian Church, Marysville  
Mary Dahs, Elder, Worthington Presbyterian Church, Worthington  
Luellen Deeds, Elder, Hanover Presbyterian Church, Hanover  
Rev. Dr. Jeannie C. Harsh, Executive Presbyter of Scioto Valley Presbytery  
Rev. Donald J. Hilkerbaumer, Honorably Retired; Chair of Commission for Church Professionals  
Rev. Charlsie Ramsey, Moderator, Scioto Valley Presbytery

The Commission took action to invite and seat as a corresponding member

Rev. Benjamin P. Beres, Pastor, Huntsville Presbyterian Church (Miami Valley Presbytery)

The commission reviewed the order of service, seating, and the logistics of the service.

There was a motion and second to proceed with the installation service as presented and to dismiss the commission following the benediction.

The motion was unanimously approved after finding everything in order to proceed.

The commission meeting was adjourned with prayer at 3:30 p.m.

The installation was completed in the worship service that followed. The installation sermon was preached by Rev. Benjamin P. Beres. Rev. Dr. Jeannie C. Harsh delivered the Charge to the Pastor. Mark Crosthwaite, Elder, delivered the Charge to the Congregation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Rev. Charlsie Ramsey, Moderator

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## Presbytery Financial Reports

July 31, 2017

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Consolidated Balance Sheet Information  
In Whole Dollars (unaudited)

	Period Ending 07/31/17	Period Ending 07/31/16	Calendar Year 12/31/16	Calendar Year 12/31/15
Cash	\$ 376,301	\$ 543,672	\$ 487,910	\$ 196,078
Investments:				
Church Development Funds	1,192,973	1,110,608	1,136,388	1,063,776
Reserve Investments	321,956	300,122	307,088	287,259
Total Investments-New Covenant Funds	1,514,928	1,410,730	1,443,476	1,351,035
Accounts & Notes Receivable	29,134	31,472	74,467	87,174
Prepaid Expenses	3,857	3,076	3,266	5,025
Fixed Assets:				
Mortgaged Properties:				
Concord-Land on Harriott Road	432,410	432,410	432,410	432,410
Concord-Home Rd. interim location	206,595	206,594	206,595	206,594
Total Mortgaged Properties	639,004	639,004	639,004	639,004
Properties To Be Deeded:				
New Albany-Land on Johnstown Rd.	484,152	484,152	484,152	484,152
Dublin-Land on Dublinshire Drive	314,309	314,309	314,309	314,309
Korean PC-Land on Old State Road	-	-	-	-
Northside Fellowship PC-Land on Freeman Rd.	-	-	-	-
Prince of Peace PC-Land on Diley Rd.	102,156	102,156	102,156	102,156
Total Properties To Be Deeded	900,617	900,617	900,617	900,617
Other	77,992	347,733	71,945	349,175
Total Fixed Assets	1,617,613	1,887,354	1,611,566	1,888,796
Other Assets	2,452	2,452	2,452	2,452
Total Assets	<u>\$ 3,544,286</u>	<u>\$ 3,878,756</u>	<u>\$ 3,623,137</u>	<u>\$ 3,530,560</u>
Liabilities:				
Accounts Payable	\$ 14,837	\$ 35,552	\$ 132,515	\$ 125,938
Notes Payable	244,153	267,090	257,429	280,434
Other Liabilities	2,331	3,146	3,216	2,454
Total Liabilities	261,321	305,788	393,160	408,826
Fund Balances	3,291,059	3,121,734	3,121,734	3,306,990
Surplus [Deficit]	(8,094)	451,234	108,243	(185,256)
Total Liabilities & Net Worth	<u>\$ 3,544,286</u>	<u>\$ 3,878,756</u>	<u>\$ 3,623,137</u>	<u>\$ 3,530,560</u>

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Balance Sheet as of July 31, 2017

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
1.1.0002	Chase Checking	198,227.23
1.1.0003	Chase Funds Checking	18,986.76
1.1.0004	Chase Savings	8,772.53
1.1.0006	Mission Market Fund Note	150,314.67
	<b>Cash</b>	<b>\$376,301.19</b>
1.2.0001	SEI Private Trust - 534652A	0.00
1.2.0002	SEI Private Trust - 534652A Value Adj	0.00
1.2.0003	SEI Private Trust - Church Development	0.00
1.2.0004	SEI Private Trust - Church Dev - Value Adj	0.00
1.2.0005	New Covenant-Church Dev	1,100,891.50
1.2.0006	New Covenant-Church Dev-Mkt Value Adj	92,081.21
1.2.0007	SEI Private Trust - 534652B	0.00
1.2.0008	SEI Private Trust - 534652B Value Adj	0.00
1.2.0013	SEI Private Trust - 534652C	0.00
1.2.0014	SEI Private Trust - 534652C Value Adj	0.00
	<b>Church Development Funds</b>	<b>\$1,192,972.71</b>
1.3.0003	SEI Private Trust - 510627C	0.00
1.3.0004	SEI Private Trust - 510627C - Value Adj	0.00
1.3.0005	New Covenant-Oper Fund Reserve	298,084.24
1.3.0006	New Covenant-Oper Fund Reserve-Value Adj	23,871.53
1.3.0013	SEI Private Trust - 510627A	0.00
1.3.0014	SEI Private Trust - 510627A - Value Adj	0.00
	<b>Income Funds</b>	<b>\$321,955.77</b>
	<b>Total Investments</b>	<b>\$1,514,928.48</b>
1.1.0010	A/R - Presbytery	0.00
1.1.0015	A/R - Church Development	0.00
1.2.0015	A/R Dublin	0.00
1.2.0017	Notes Rec. - Presbyterian	29,134.04
	<b>Accounts &amp; Notes Receivable</b>	<b>\$29,134.04</b>
1.1.0020	Prepaid Exp - PY Office	3,052.38
1.1.0021	Prepaid Exp - PY Computer	0.00
1.1.0022	Prepaid Ins - PYO	(695.69)
1.1.0023	Prepaid Exp - PYO Office Rent	1,500.00
	<b>Prepaid Expenses</b>	<b>\$3,856.69</b>

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
1.4.0004	PY Property - Equip & Furn	50,410.05
1.4.0005	PY Acc. Depr. - Equip & Furn	(49,715.05)
1.4.0010	PY Property - Computer Equip	41,800.58
1.4.0011	PY Acc. Depr. - Computer Equip	(36,929.06)
1.4.0016	PY Property - Eastlawn	175.00
1.4.0020	RC Property - Equip & Furn	2,907.31
1.4.0021	RC Acc. Depr. - Equip & Furn	(2,907.31)
	<b>Furniture &amp; Equipment</b>	<b>\$5,741.52</b>
1.2.0020	Property - Diley Road (Prince)	102,155.62
1.2.0022	Property - Dublin	314,309.26
1.2.0024	Property - Northside	0.00
1.2.0027	Property - Home Road	206,594.50
1.2.0029	Property - Harriott Road	432,409.94
1.2.0031	Property - Johnstown Road	484,151.72
1.4.0052	Longstreth	69,850.00
	<b>Property</b>	<b>\$1,609,471.04</b>
1.4.0060	Leasehold Improvements	2,400.66
1.4.0061	Acc. Amort. - Leasehold Improvements	0.00
	<b>Leasehold Improvements</b>	<b>\$2,400.66</b>
1.2.0032	Property Held for Resale - Calvin	0.00
	<b>Land &amp; Equipment Available for Sale</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
	<b>Total Fixed Assets:</b>	<b>\$1,617,613.22</b>
1.1.0024	Dep. Workers Comp	0.00
1.1.0025	Sec. Dep. - PYO Office Rent	2,452.38
	<b>Other Assets</b>	<b>\$2,452.38</b>
1.1.0030	Mission Yearbooks	0.00
1.1.0031	Book of Order	0.00
1.1.0032	Calendars	0.00
1.1.0033	Book of Confession	0.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$3,544,286.00</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
2.0.0000	Accounts Payable/Vendors	(8,955.32)
2.1.0000	Harbor View Presbyterian Church 2	0.00
2.1.0001	Operating A/P	0.00
2.1.0005	Desig. - A/P Misc	0.00

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2.1.0010	A/P -GA Basic Mission	2,142.65
2.1.0011	A/P - GA Sp. Offering	3,693.91
2.1.0012	A/P - GA Directed Giving	(67.00)
2.1.0013	A/P - GA Ex. Commit Giving	167.00
2.1.0014	A/P - GA Peacemaking	0.00
2.1.0015	A/P - GA Per Ca pita	13,018.05
2.1.0016	A/P GA Disaster Relief	250.00
2.1.0017	A/P - SY Basic Mission	(1,064.11)
2.1.0018	A/P - SY Directed Giving	0.00
2.1.0019	A/P - SY Ex. Commit. Giving	0.00
2.1.0020	A/P - SY Peacemaking	0.00
2.1.0021	A/P - SY Per Capita	5,651.43
2.1.0022	T/P - Workers Comp	0.00
2.1.0080	Jeannie Harsh	0.00
2.1.0083	Presbyterian Church USA	0.00
2.1.1000	The PC(USA) Store 2	0.00
2.2.0005	Church Dev. Fund A/P	0.00
	<b>Accounts Payable</b>	<b>\$14,836.61</b>
2.1.0002	Loan - New Albany	0.00
2.1.0025	Capital Lease Payable	0.00
2.2.0019	Mortgage - Home Road	0.00
2.2.0020	Mortgage - Home Rd 2	95,341.99
2.2.0021	Mortgage - Harriott Road	148,811.41
	<b>Notes Payable</b>	<b>\$244,153.40</b>
2.1.0030	A/P - GA Directed Giving - Long Term	0.00
2.1.0031	Stf.C.Ed.Acc. - GHC Admin	0.00
2.1.0033	Honor. Acc. - Moderator	0.00
2.1.0035	Def.Rev. - Per Capita	0.00
2.1.0036	Def. Rev. - Events	0.00
2.1.0040	A.A. Com/CPM Training	0.00
2.1.0042	A.A. BOP	0.00
2.1.0044	A.A. Mission Trip	0.00
2.1.0046	A.A. Labrinth	575.00
2.1.0048	A.A. Presbyterian Calendars	0.00
2.1.0049	A.A. Book of Orders	0.00

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2.1.0050	A.A. Mission Yearbook	0.00
2.1.0051	A.A. Book of Confessions	0.00
2.1.0054	A.A.SDOP	1,755.88
2.2.0012	T/P - Real Estate - Harriott	0.00
	<b>Other Liabilities</b>	<b>\$2,330.88</b>
2.1.0043	Deferred Comp	0.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>\$261,320.89</b>

**Fund Balance**

**Commission for Nurture and Outreach Funds**

3.1.1000	Peacemaking Fund Balance (R)	7,359.01
3.1.1010	JFW Fund Balance (R)	0.00
3.1.1020	Cents-Ability Fund Balance (R)	0.00
3.1.1025	Greenfield Mission Fund Balance (R)	5,200.00
3.1.1030	Cong. Session Endorsed Mission Fund (D)	11,075.00
3.1.1040	Sudan Mission Fund Balance (R)	12,384.40
3.1.1050	Pahk II Fund Balance (R)	0.00
3.1.1650	Flood Relief Grant Fund Balance	0.00
3.1.2000	Outdoor Ministries Fund Balance (D)	39,035.41
3.1.2005	Springfest Fund Balance (D)	6,783.03
3.1.2010	Hanging Rock Fund Balance (D)	935.59
3.1.2015	Westside Urban Ministry Fund Balance (R)	3,898.31
3.1.2200	Youth Triennium Fund Balance (D)	2,004.00
3.1.3000	Resource Center Fund Balance (R)	0.00
3.1.4000	Higher Education Fund Balance (R)	5,443.64
	<b>Total Commission Nurture and Outreach</b>	<b>\$94,118.39</b>

**Commission for Congregational Life Funds**

3.1.4502	NCD Fund Balance (D)	55,603.76
3.1.4503	Grace Community Fellowship (D)	2,596.93
3.2.4500	Church Dev Fund Balance (D)	2,858,600.75
3.2.4510	Cong. Fund Balance (R)	18,069.13
3.2.4520	Building Fund Balance (R)	46,164.03
	<b>Total Commission for Congregational Life</b>	<b>\$2,981,034.60</b>

**Commission for Church Professional Funds**

3.1.4100	Scholarships For CRE Class (D)	560.00
3.1.5400	Ch. Prof. Retreat Fund Balance (R)	2,500.00

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3.1.5800	Pastor's Emergency Fund Balance (R)	10,668.21
	<b>Total Commission for Church Professionals</b>	<b>\$13,728.21</b>
<i>Commission for Presbytery Operations Funds</i>		
3.1.0000	Operating Fund Balance	152,292.62
3.3.0000	Investment Fund Balance	41,791.29
	<b>Total Commission for Presbytery Operations</b>	<b>\$194,083.91</b>
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,282,965.11</b>
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b>\$3,282,965.11</b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$3,544,286.00</u></b>

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Account #	Account Name	Beg Balance	Receipts	Disbursements	Transfers/JE's	End Balance
3.1.1000	Peacemaking Fund Balance (R)	13,130.00	229.01	6,000.00	0.00	7,359.01
3.1.1010	JFW Fund Balance (R)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.1.1020	Cents-Ability Fund Balance (R)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.1.1025	Greenfield Mission Fund Balance (R)	5,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,200.00
3.1.1030	Cong. Session Endorsed Mission Fund (D)	11,075.00	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	11,075.00
3.1.1040	Sudan Mission Fund Balance (R)	12,384.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	12,384.40
3.1.1050	Pahk II Fund Balance (R)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.1.1650	Flood Relief Grant Fund Balance	2,800.00	2,056.00	4,856.00	0.00	0.00
3.1.2000	Outdoor Ministries Fund Balance (D)	39,035.41	0.00	0.00	0.00	39,035.41
3.1.2005	Springfest Fund Balance (D)	6,783.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,783.03
3.1.2010	Hanging Rock Fund Balance (D)	1,271.57	0.00	335.98	0.00	935.59
3.1.2015	Westside Urban Ministry Fund Balance (R)	3,980.28	200.00	281.97	0.00	3,898.31
3.1.2200	Youth Triennium Fund Balance (D)	1,002.00	1,002.00	0.00	0.00	2,004.00
3.1.3000	Resource Center Fund Balance (R)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3.1.4000	Higher Education Fund Balance (R)	714.23	4,729.41	0.00	0.00	5,443.64
3.1.4502	NCD Fund Balance (D)	61,603.76	0.00	6,000.00	0.00	55,603.76
3.1.4503	Grace Community Fellowship (D)	13,363.02	0.00	10,766.09	0.00	2,596.93
3.2.4500	Church Dev Fund Balance (D)	2,793,239.87	30,059.16	(35,301.72)	0.00	2,858,600.75
3.2.4510	Cong. Fund Balance (R)	17,088.96	147.15	(833.02)	0.00	18,069.13
3.2.4520	Building Fund Balance (R)	43,659.85	375.96	(2,128.22)	0.00	46,164.03
3.1.4100	Scholarships For CRE Class (D)	560.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	560.00
3.1.5400	Ch. Prof. Retreat Fund Balance (R)	0.00	2,500.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
3.1.5800	Pastor's Emergency Fund Balance (R)	9,483.32	1,184.89	0.00	0.00	10,668.21
3.1.0000	Operating Fund Balance	164,190.42	377,082.01	388,979.81	0.00	152,292.62
3.3.0000	Investment Fund Balance	29,412.77	2,623.71	(9,754.81)	0.00	41,791.29
<b>Total</b>		<b>\$3,229,977.89</b>	<b>\$425,689.30</b>	<b>\$372,702.08</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,282,965.11</b>

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<b>Income</b>				
<b>Per Capita and Mission Income</b>				
4.1.0005	Basic Mission - Presbytery	150,000.00	78,848.70	71,151.30
4.1.0007	Basic Mission - Directed Givin		0.00	
4.1.0010	Per Capita - Presbytery	291,667.00	178,595.31*	113,071.69
4.1.0011	Per Capita - GA	99,714.00	60,212.33*	39,501.67
4.1.0012	Per Capita - Synod	43,229.00	25,999.80*	17,229.20
4.1.0014	Recaptured Per Capita from Separated Churches	18,784.00	0.00	18,784.00
4.1.0015	Basic Mission - Presby. Women	3,000.00	1,407.18	1,592.82
<b>Total Per Capita and Mission Income</b>		<b>\$606,394.00</b>	<b>\$345,063.32</b>	<b>\$261,330.68</b>
<b>Nuture and Outreach Activity Income</b>				
4.1.0043	Nurture and Outreach Event Fees		665.00	
4.1.0044	PIE Event Income	1,200.00	859.94*	340.06
4.1.0045	Youth Winter Retreat Income	9,000.00	10,860.00*	(1,860.00)
4.1.0046	Youth Fall Rally Income		0.00	
4.1.0047	Spring Fest Income		0.00	
4.1.0048	Older Adult Ministry Income	1,000.00	157.00	843.00
4.1.0050	Montreat Youth Retreat		0.00	
4.1.0051	Campus Ministry Income		0.00	
4.1.0052	Youth Triennium Income-Operating		0.00	
4.1.0060	Mission Work Trip Income	8,000.00	3,356.00	4,644.00
4.9.0044	PIE Event Transfers	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
4.9.0045	Youth Winter Retreat Transfers	12,000.00	0.00	12,000.00
4.9.0046	Youth Fall Rally Transfers		0.00	
4.9.0048	Older Adult Ministry Transfers		0.00	
4.9.0051	Campus Ministry Transfers		0.00	
4.9.0052	Youth Triennium Fund Transfers		0.00	
4.9.0060	Cong Endorsed Mission Fund Transfer	14,000.00	0.00	14,000.00
<b>Total Nurture and Outreach Activity Income</b>		<b>\$46,200.00</b>	<b>\$15,897.94</b>	<b>\$30,302.06</b>
<b>Congregational Life</b>				
4.1.0049	New Beginnings Income		0.00	
4.1.0056	PCUSA New Worshipping Comm. Grant		0.00	
4.9.0049	New Beginnings Transfers		0.00	
4.9.0057	New Church Development Transfers	36,000.00	6,000.00	30,000.00
<b>Total Congregational Life</b>		<b>\$36,000.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>

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<b>Church Professional Income</b>				
4.1.0042	Church Professionals Event Fees	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
4.1.0053	Healthy Boundaries Event Fees	400.00	0.00	400.00
4.1.0054	CRE Training Fees	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
4.1.0055	Alternative Clinical Experience Fees		0.00	
	<b>Total Church Professional Income</b>	<b>\$9,400.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$9,400.00</b>
<b>Coordinating Team Income</b>				
4.9.0059	Admin Commission Tfrs from Ch Dev Fund	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total Coordinating Team Income</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
<b>Presbytery Operations Activity Income</b>				
4.1.0061	Presbytery Operations Event Fees		0.00	
	<b>Total Presbytery Operations Activity Income</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
<b>Miscellaneous Income</b>				
4.1.0025	Church Development Investment Alloc		0.00	
4.1.0027	Interest Revenue - Checking	650.00	361.03	288.97
4.1.0030	Operating A/R Interest Revenue		0.00	
4.1.0035	Misc Revenue	500.00	75.00	425.00
4.1.0037	Rental Income	11,000.00	5,611.14	5,388.86
4.1.0039	Donated Exp Revenue	500.00	292.58	207.42
4.1.0062	Print & Media Resources Inc	3,600.00	3,781.00*	(181.00)
4.1.0098	Net Cash to Accrual Income		0.00	
4.1.0099	Transfers from Reserves	20,667.00	0.00	20,667.00
4.9.0062	Print & Media Resources Transfers		0.00	
	<b>Total Miscellaneous Income</b>	<b>\$36,917.00</b>	<b>\$10,120.75</b>	<b>\$26,796.25</b>
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$735,911.00</b>	<b>\$377,082.01</b>	<b>\$358,828.99</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Commission for Nurture and Outreach</b>				
5.1.1002	Pres Sponsored Mission Trip		0.00	
5.1.1004	Session Endorsed Mission Grant	10,000.00	7,300.00*	2,700.00
5.1.1006	Global Mission Projects		0.00	
	<b>Total Mission Outreach</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,300.00*</b>	<b>\$2,700.00</b>
5.1.2005	CN Events/Resources		1,046.93	
5.1.2006	Springfest Event		0.00	
5.1.2007	PIE Event Expense	2,200.00	1,127.94	1,072.06

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5.1.2008	Youth Winter Retreats	20,000.00	19,593.96*	406.04
5.1.2009	Youth Fall Rally		0.00	
5.1.2010	Older Adult Events Expense		124.12	
5.1.2011	Mission Work Trip Expenses	9,000.00	0.00	9,000.00
5.1.2012	Montreat Youth Conference		0.00	
5.1.2020	Older Adult Ministry	1,000.00	344.76	655.24
	<b>Total CE Events</b>	<b>\$32,200.00</b>	<b>\$22,237.71*</b>	<b>\$9,962.29</b>
5.1.1500	Commission for Nurture and Outreach Meeting	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total CNO Meeting</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>
5.1.2202	Youth Triennium Accrual Exp	2,000.00	1,002.00	998.00
	<b>Total Youth Triennium</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,002.00</b>	<b>\$998.00</b>
5.1.3015	Print & Media Resources Exp	10,000.00	4,595.31	5,404.69
5.1.3020	RC Operating Expenses		0.00	
	<b>Total Resource Center</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,595.31</b>	<b>\$5,404.69</b>
5.1.4005	Campus Ministry	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
	<b>Total Campus Ministry</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
5.1.3500	New Growth and Development		0.00	
	<b>Total New Growth and Development</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
	<b>Total Commission for Nurture and Outreach</b>	<b>\$60,200.00</b>	<b>\$35,135.02*</b>	<b>\$25,064.98</b>
<b>Commission for Congregational Life</b>				
5.1.4200	CCL Committee/Visitation Expenses	1,500.00	138.41	1,361.59
	<b>Total CCL Miscellaneous Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$138.41</b>	<b>\$1,361.59</b>
5.1.4700	New Beginnings		0.00	
5.1.4702	Demographic Studies	6,000.00	4,198.00*	1,802.00
5.1.4704	Special Transition Support/Consultants		0.00	
	<b>Total Transition</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,198.00*</b>	<b>\$1,802.00</b>
5.1.4300	Relationship Development		0.00	
	<b>Total Relationship Development</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	
5.1.4500	New Worshipping Communities	30,000.00	0.00	30,000.00
5.1.4560	Marion Lee Street Expense		1,000.00	
	<b>Total New Church Development</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>\$29,000.00</b>
5.1.4900	MAST/Consultants		0.00	
5.1.4902	Training/Workshops		0.00	

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5.1.4904	Congregational Support	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
	<b>Total Church Health</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>
	<b>Total Commission for Congregational Life</b>	<b>\$42,500.00</b>	<b>\$5,336.41</b>	<b>\$37,163.59</b>
<i>Commission for Church Professionals</i>				
5.1.5002	Church Professionals Meeting	1,000.00	329.82	670.18
5.1.5202	Inquirer/Candidates	18,000.00	2,225.00	15,775.00
5.1.5204	Commissioned Ruling Elders	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
5.1.5402	Committee on Ministry Workshop		0.00	
5.1.5404	Church Professionals Retreat	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
5.1.5602	COM - Background Checks	2,000.00	345.00	1,655.00
5.1.5604	Pastors Programming		0.00	
5.1.5802	Health Boundaries Training	4,000.00	1,640.84	2,359.16
5.1.5804	Bereavement Exp		0.00	
5.1.5806	Pastoral Support	8,000.00	0.00	8,000.00
	<b>Total Commission for Church Professionals</b>	<b>\$48,000.00</b>	<b>\$4,540.66</b>	<b>\$43,459.34</b>
<i>Coordinating Team</i>				
5.1.6001	Moderator Meeting Expenses	2,000.00	1,585.28*	414.72
5.1.6002	Bills & Overtures Meeting Exp	200.00	0.00	200.00
5.1.6003	Representation Committee Mtg	200.00	0.00	200.00
5.1.6004	Judicial Process Mtg Exp	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
5.1.6005	Administrative Commissions Exp	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
5.1.6006	Nominating Mtg Exp	300.00	88.97	211.03
5.1.6007	GA Travel		0.00	
5.1.6008	Presbytery Meeting Expenses	6,000.00	7,019.93*	(1,019.93)
5.1.6010	CT Meeting Expense	1,200.00	522.69	677.31
5.1.6012	Leadership Meeting Expense		0.00	
	<b>Total Coordinating Team</b>	<b>\$11,900.00</b>	<b>\$9,216.87*</b>	<b>\$2,683.13</b>
<i>Commission for Presbytery Operations</i>				
5.1.7701	Salary - Exec Presbyter	43,744.00	25,517.38*	18,226.62
5.1.7702	Salary - Stated Clerk	40,651.00	23,713.06	16,937.94
5.1.7703	Salary - Administrative Asst	48,822.00	28,479.50	20,342.50
5.1.7704	Salary - Financial Asst	24,000.00	14,507.73*	9,492.27
5.1.7705	Salary - Treasurer		0.00	
5.1.7706	Deferred Compensation	600.00	350.00	250.00

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5.1.7707	Housing - Exec Presbyter	35,000.00	20,416.62	14,583.38
	<b>Total Staff Salaries</b>	<b>\$192,817.00</b>	<b>\$112,984.29*</b>	<b>\$79,832.71</b>
5.1.7732	Travel - Stated Clerk	4,000.00	453.07	3,546.93
5.1.7734	Travel - Exec Presbyter	12,000.00	5,897.13	6,102.87
5.1.7736	Travel - PYO Staff	500.00	0.00	500.00
	<b>Total Staff Travel</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$6,350.20</b>	<b>\$10,149.80</b>
5.1.7711	BOP - Exec Presbyter	28,742.00	11,825.03	16,916.97
5.1.7712	BOP - Stated Clerk	14,834.00	8,655.29*	6,178.71
5.1.7713	BOP - Administrative Asst	22,204.00	11,965.59	10,238.41
5.1.7714	BOP - Financial Assistant		0.00	
5.1.7715	Med. Reimb. - Exec Presbyter	1,575.00	538.38	1,036.62
5.1.7716	Med. Reimb. - Stated Clerk		0.00	
5.1.7717	Med. Reimb. Administrative Asst	976.00	793.29*	182.71
5.1.7718	Med. Reimb.- Financial Assistant		0.00	
	<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$68,331.00</b>	<b>\$33,777.58</b>	<b>\$34,553.42</b>
5.1.7742	Cont Ed. - Staff Training	500.00	0.00	500.00
5.1.7744	Cont Ed. - Exec Presbyter	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
5.1.7746	Cont Ed. - Stated Clerk	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total Continuing Education</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>
5.1.7720	Staff Services Contingency	1,500.00	457.53	1,042.47
5.1.7721	Payroll Processing Expense	1,900.00	1,209.77*	690.23
5.1.7722	FICA Expense	8,400.00	5,129.32*	3,270.68
5.1.7724	SECA	6,024.00	3,514.00	2,510.00
5.1.7729	BWC Insurance Expense	700.00	58.25	641.75
	<b>Total Associated Payroll Costs</b>	<b>\$18,524.00</b>	<b>\$10,368.87</b>	<b>\$8,155.13</b>
5.1.7804	Rent	30,000.00	33,200.00*	(3,200.00)
5.1.7806	Presbytery Insurance	4,100.00	2,783.02*	1,316.98
5.1.7808	Website Management	7,000.00	15,591.74*	(8,591.74)
5.1.7810	Equipment Purchases	3,000.00	705.34	2,294.66
5.1.7812	Computer Support	4,000.00	2,281.95	1,718.05
5.1.7814	Copier Maint.	2,400.00	2,011.39*	388.61
5.1.7815	Dues and Subscriptions	500.00	211.47	288.53
5.1.7816	Miscellaneous	500.00	50.00	450.00
5.1.7818	Office Supplies	6,600.00	3,407.88	3,192.12

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Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	YTD Balance	Annual Budget Remaining
5.1.7820	Phone	7,000.00	4,054.97	2,945.03
5.1.7822	Postage	3,000.00	1,832.86*	1,167.14
5.1.7824	Presbytery Depreciation	2,500.00	1,500.00*	1,000.00
5.1.7826	Profit/Loss on Asset		0.00	
	<b>Total Office Operations</b>	<b>\$70,600.00</b>	<b>\$67,630.62*</b>	<b>\$2,969.38</b>
5.1.6009	GA Per Capita	128,137.00	60,212.33	67,924.67
5.1.6011	Synod Per Capita	55,702.00	25,999.80	29,702.20
5.1.8004	Audit	9,000.00	8,850.00*	150.00
5.1.8005	Legal Expenses	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
5.1.8006	CPO Meeting	1,200.00	583.15	616.85
	<b>Total Corporation Expenses</b>	<b>\$196,539.00</b>	<b>\$95,645.28</b>	<b>\$100,893.72</b>
5.1.8502	Presbytery Newsletter	1,500.00	372.11	1,127.89
	<b>Total Communications</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$372.11</b>	<b>\$1,127.89</b>
5.1.9005	Presbytery Staff Search		0.00	
5.1.9010	Office Relocation Expense	5,000.00	7,621.90*	(2,621.90)
	<b>Total Non-Recurring Expenses</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>\$7,621.90*</b>	<b>(\$2,621.90)</b>
	<b>Total Commission for Presbytery Operations</b>	<b>\$573,311.00</b>	<b>\$334,750.85*</b>	<b>\$238,560.15</b>
5.1.7825	Leasehold Amortization Expense		0.00	
	<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$735,911.00</b>	<b>\$388,979.81</b>	<b>\$346,931.19</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>(\$11,897.80)</b>	

\* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

Presbytery of Scioto Valley Contribution Summary as of July 31, 2017				
Church	Basic Mission Paid	Per Capita Owed	Per Capita Paid	Per Capita Due
Amanda	-	1,155	1,155	-
Amesville	600	594	594	-
Athens, Alexander	-	2,475	-	2,475
Athens, First	4,225	8,877	4,439	4,439
Bloomington, First	-	1,221	1,221	-
Bremen, Bethel	926	2,244	2,244	-
Chillicothe, First	4,375	12,837	7,319	5,518
Circleville	3,500	8,580	4,290	4,290
Columbus, Bethany	500	2,706	677	2,030
Columbus Bethel	-	-	-	-
Columbus, Boulevard	900	11,187	6,526	4,661
Columbus, Broad Street	12,000	26,103	14,817	11,286
Columbus, Brookwood	-	4,950	1,650	3,300
Columbus, Christ	700	2,046	914	1,132
Columbus, Covenant	16,392	20,526	10,263	10,263
Columbus, Crestview	-	1,122	-	1,122
Columbus, Eastminster	1,500	1,947	1,460	487
Columbus, Fairmoor	500	759	759	-
Columbus, Glen Echo	550	2,112	528	1,584
Columbus, Highlands	560	3,168	1,814	1,354
Columbus, Hoge Memorial	-	1,749	875	875
Columbus, Indianola	2,400	4,422	4,422	-
Columbus, Korean	-	3,795	3,168	627
Columbus, Old First	2,133	561	544	17
Columbus, Overbrook	8,000	17,754	17,754	-
Columbus, Ramseyer	-	5,940	5,940	-
Columbus, Shady Lane	-	825	304	521
Columbus, St. Andrew	5,166	3,663	3,954	(291)
Columbus West 2nd Avenue	-	-	-	-
Columbus, Westminster	2,609	1,782	1,782	-
Delaware, Concord	-	1,683	979	704
Delaware, First	5,500	9,801	4,818	4,983
Delaware, Liberty	1,500	45,573	11,500	34,073
Delaware, Old Stone	1,000	4,620	4,620	-
Delaware, West Berlin	2,000	1,914	1,914	-
Dublin	1,000	5,775	5,775	-
Frankfort	1,000	3,597	3,597	-
Frankfort, Concord	-	792	-	792
Fredricktown, First	-	5,313	751	4,562
Gahanna, Mifflin	-	12,474	12,474	-
Gallipolis, First	-	4,521	875	3,646
Galloway	-	2,343	693	1,650
Granville, First	10,598	18,810	7,838	10,973
Greenfield, First	-	-	-	-
Greenfield-Pisgah, Mt. Pleasant	500	330	330	-
Grove City, First	-	9,636	-	9,636
Groveport	-	1,023	-	1,023
Harrisonville	-	660	627	33

Church	Basic Mission Paid	Per Capita Owed	Per Capita Paid	Per Capita Due
Hilliard	1,250	4,521	1,130	3,391
Homer	-	660	-	660
Iberia	500	1,749	1,749	-
Ironton, First	-	2,508	330	2,178
Jackson, First	1,400	2,904	1,694	1,210
Jacksontown Fairmount	-	-	-	-
Johnstown	-	6,831	3,917	2,914
Kingston, Mt. Pleasant	-	495	-	495
Kingston, Whisler	-	330	-	330
Lancaster, First	-	16,929	8,184	8,745
Lewis Center Berlin	-	-	-	-
Lithopolis, Bloom	-	1,089	1,089	-
Logan, First	1,500	6,765	4,065	2,700
London, First	17,500	13,365	13,365	-
Marion, First	-	11,616	-	11,616
Marion, Forest Lawn	-	726	-	726
Marion, Lee Street	-	1,056	1,056	-
Marysville, First	-	7,854	-	7,854
Marysville, New California	-	-	-	-
McArthur	-	264	264	-
Middleport, First	245	990	990	-
Mt. Gilead, First	-	3,135	2,351	784
Mt. Vernon, First	-	7,722	-	7,722
Nelsonville	-	1,353	-	1,353
New Albany	-	13,398	-	13,398
Newark, First	-	4,818	-	4,818
Newark, Hanover	550	3,333	1,500	1,833
Newark, Second	-	7,887	3,944	3,944
Newark, Woodside	-	693	-	693
Oak Hill	-	2,211	-	2,211
Oak Hill, Bethel	-	561	-	561
Oak Hill Horeb	-	1,584	-	1,584
Oak Hill, Moriah	300	462	462	-
Oak Hill, Sardis Welsh	318	330	102	228
Ostrander	-	1,485	1,485	-
Pataskala, First	-	2,970	1,716	1,254
Pataskala, Jersey	500	594	495	99
Pataskala, Outville	1,822	2,343	2,343	-
Pickerington, Prince of Peace	280	3,366	770	2,596
Plain City	1,500	4,323	968	3,355
Portsmouth, First	1,050	4,224	3,286	938
Portsmouth, Second	-	6,765	-	6,765
Reynoldsburg, First	-	792	-	792
Reynoldsburg, Parkview	-	5,445	1,966	3,479
Sedalia, Midway	-	1,551	776	776
Stewart, New England	-	-	-	-
Sunbury, Condit	-	2,937	2,937	-
Utica	-	1,518	1,024	495
Washington Court House, First	2,040	7,953	-	7,953
Washington Court House, McNair Memorial	-	1,815	1,815	-

Waverly, First Church	1,312 Basic Mission Paid	3,696 Per Capita Owed	1,848 Per Capita Paid	1,848 Per Capita Due
Wellston, First	-	1,881	784	1,097
Westerville, Central College	-	51,183	3,279	47,904
Westerville, First	1,000	9,966	4,983	4,983
Westerville, Northside Fellowship	-	7,755	-	7,755
West Rushville, Rushcreek	1,418	1,518	1,518	-
Wilkesville, First	-	396	396	-
Worthington	-	47,553	27,739	19,814
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>125,118</b>	<b>584,133</b>	<b>262,522</b>	<b>321,611</b>

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## Report of the Actions of the Commission for Congregational Life

Commission Members		Church	Class	Task Group
Robert Armstrong	TE	Hilliard	2017	MAST
Jeri-Lynne Bouterse	TE	Circleville	2018	Transitions
Deborah Bowsher	TE	Mt. Gilead	2019	
Christine Burns	TCRE	Fredericktown	2017	Chair
Charlotte O'Neil	TE	Validated Ministry	2017	
Marquell Segelken	RE	Gahanna Mifflin	2019	Relationships
Vacancy			2019	
Vacancy			2018	
Vacancy			2018	
Presbytery Staff				
Rev. Jeannie Harsh, Transitional Executive Presbyter				
Rev. Rick Hays, Transitional Stated Clerk				

Pursuant to the authority granted by *The Book of Order*, "Form of Government" Chapter 3, (G-3.0307), Presbytery Standing Rule G-1, and Presbytery action, the Commission has taken the following actions:

1. Approved that any ruling elder serving on the transitions task team and who is serving as a liaison to a PNC of a congregation is authorized to moderate session and congregation meetings for the duration of their service with that congregation.
2. Approved Ann Melick to moderate the Pataskala Session during the pastor's leave of absence.
3. Approved request the Commission for Presbytery Operations to reclassify the net proceeds of the money received from the gracious separation of the Marion First Church from the Presbytery to create the Greater Marion Ministry Fund to be used by the Commission for Congregational Life in order to maintain a PCUSA presence in the community and to prepare for possible growth in the future.
4. Approved offering a twelve-month grant in the amount of \$1,000 per month from the Greater Marion Ministry Fund to partner with the Lee Street Presbyterian Church to support them in a year-long pilot project for a year of study and planning for a new direction in ministry, with the understanding that the strategy team of the commission will provide coaching to the leadership team of the church in order to present a plan for ongoing ministry, mission, and congregational development in greater Marion; and with the understanding that additional funding may be available through the Commission for Congregational Life if the congregation shows evidence of movement in the direction of the plan and the plan seems to offer benchmarks and milestones which are achievable.

NOTE: The Commission for Presbytery Operations declined to create the Greater Marion Ministry Fund but granted \$6,000 in 2017 and \$12,000 in 2018 from the Church Development Fund to enable the Marion Lee Street pilot program.

## Report of the Actions of the Commission for Church Professionals

Commission Members		Church	Class	Task Group
Mathias Akih	TE	Grace Community	2019	Examinations/Credentials
Carol Evans	RE	Delaware First	2019	Care of Professionals
Jim Hamilton	RE	Columbus Covenant	2018	
Donald Hilkerbaumer, Chair	TE	Delaware Old Stone	2017	
Sarah Juist	TE	Newark Hanover	2018	
Robert Martin	TE	Athens Frist	2017	Mediation and Support
Ann Melick	TE	Sunbury Condit	2019	
Kae Merold	CRE	Pataskala Outville	2018	CRE
Todd Tracy	TE	Delaware Libety	2017	Examinations/Credentials
<b>Presbytery Staff</b>				
Rev. Jeannie Harsh, Transitional Executive Presbyter				
Rev. Rick Hays, Transitional Stated Clerk				

Pursuant to the authority granted by *The Book of Order*, “Form of Government” Chapter 3, (G-3.0307), Presbytery Standing Rule G-1, and Presbytery action, the Commission has taken the following actions:

1. Approved candidate Denise Stone to circulation of her dossier and to cover half of her expenses up to \$600.00 for Transitional training.
2. Approved “Pathways to Learning and Leadership” program being offered by The Leadership Institute at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va., as another source of learning for certified ruling elder students.
3. Calls
  - a. Concurred with the call of the congregation of the Newark Second Church to teaching elder Todd Tracy, effective August 13, 2017.

Name	Todd Tracy	Time	100%	Effective	August 13, 2017
Church	Newark Second		Position	Pastor	
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)		
Cash Salary (Annual)	65000		Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)		0
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0		Business/professional expense		0
Housing Allowance	0		SECA Supplement (up to 50%)		0
Utility Allowance	0		Continuing Education		1,200
Deferred Compensation	0		Other Allowances		
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0		Moving Expenses		NA
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	65,000				
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.					
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					Yes
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4				
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks	Cumulative up to	6	weeks
Authority (if temporary)					
Authority (if CRE)					
Other Terms					

## 4. Covenants for Temporary Pastoral Service

- a. Concurred with the request of the session of the Circleville Church to renew a covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as a transitional pastor with teaching elder Jeri-Lynne Bouterse for one (1) year, effective July 1, 2017.

Name	Jeri-Lynne Bouterse	Time	100%	Effective	July 1, 2017
Church	Circleville		Position	Temporary-Transitional	
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)		
Cash Salary (Annual)	31,800	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)		1,500	
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense		500	
Housing Allowance	30,000	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)		0	
Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education		500	
Deferred Compensation	0	Other Allowances			
SECA Supplement (<50%)	0	Moving Expenses		NA	
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	61,800	Dental			
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.					
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					Yes
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)		4			
Paid continuing education leave		2	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA weeks
Authority (if temporary)	Moderate Session				
Authority (if CRE)					
Other Terms	Work one (1) day a week from home; Provide two (2) months of Board of Pensions medical benefits if session terminates contract before July 1, 2018; Renewable; Thirty (30) days' written notice.				

- b. Concurred with the request of the session of the Newark Second Church to enter into a contract for temporary pastoral service with teaching elder Sally O. Robinson for six (6) weeks, effective June 12, 2017, for a total of \$3,000 (housing allowance).
- c. Concurred with the request of the session of the Pataskala First Church to enter into a contract for pastoral services with teaching elder Gary Brose effective July 1, 2017, at the rate of \$500 per week, IRS mileage, and up to \$1,040 in monthly health insurance premiums. The term of the contract is for two (2) months, is renewable, and has a 14-day severance notice.
- d. Concurred with the request of the session of the Pataskala Outville Church to renew the covenant for temporary service as Commissioned Pastor with ruling elder L. Kae Merold for three (3) years, effective January 1, 2018.

Name	L. Kae Merold	Time	100%	Effective	January 1, 2018
Church	Pataskala Outville		Position	Temporary-Commissioned Pastor	
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)		
Cash Salary (Annual)	38,570		Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)	4,000	
Fair Rental Value of Manse	17,857		Business/professional expense	1,000	
Housing Allowance	0		SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	3,420	
Utility Allowance	5,500		Continuing Education	1,000	
Dntal Insurance	633		Other Allowances		
SECA Supplement (>50%)	0		Moving Expenses	NA	

<b>Total Effective Salary (BoP)</b>	62,560				
<b><i>This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.</i></b>					
Full medical, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions	Yes				
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4				
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA	weeks
Authority (if temporary)					
Authority (if CP)	Celebrate sacraments, moderate session, perform Christian marriages.				
Other Terms	Three (3) year term, renewable; sixty (60) day notice; 11% retirement savings.				

- e. Concurred with the request of the session of the Marion Lee Street Church to inter into a covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as stated supply pastor teaching elder Scott Schnapp for one (1) year, effective July1, 2017. This action is pending a successful examination by the Presbytery at its September 19, 2017 meeting.

Name	Scott W Schnapp	Time	46%	Effective	July 1, 2017	
Church	Marion Lee Street		Position	Temporary; Stated Supply		
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)			
Cash Salary (Annual)	7,000	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)	500			
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense	0			
Housing Allowance	14,600	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	0			
Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education	450			
Deferred Compensation	0	Other Allowances				
SECA Supplement (>50%)	0	Moving Expenses	NA			
Total Effective Salary (BoP)	21,600					
This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.						
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					NA	
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4					
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA	weeks	
Authority (if temporary)	Moderate session, congregation					
Authority (if CRE)						
Other Terms						

- f. Renewed the covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as temporary pulpit supply between the session of the Homer Church and teaching elder M. Stephen Merold for one (1) year effective September 1, 2017.

Name	M. Stephen Merold	Time	%	Effective	September 1, 2017
Church	Homer		Position	Temporary: Stated Supply	
Effective (Pensionable) Salary			Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)		
Cash Salary per Sunday	100	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)		yes	
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense		0	
Housing Allowance	0	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)		0	

Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education	0
Deferred Compensation	0	<b>Other Allowances</b>	
SECA Supplement (>50%)	0	Moving Expenses	NA
<b>Total Effective Salary (BoP)</b>	NA		
<b><i>This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.</i></b>			
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions			Yes
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	NA		
Paid continuing education leave	NA	weeks	Cumulative up to NA weeks
Authority (if temporary)			
Authority (if CRE)			
Other Terms	Two (2) Sundays per month (three (3) in a month of five Sundays); weddings and funerals as requested (if available); baptisms during regular worship; special services as requested (at pulpit supply rate and mileage); moderate session (at presbytery rate and mileage); pastoral care as required.		

- g. Concurred with request of session of the Gallipolis First Church to enter into a covenant for a temporary pastoral relationship as stated supply with teaching elder Randy L. Terry for one (1) year, effective September 3, 2017.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Randy L. Terry</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>50%</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>September 3, 2017</b>
<b>Church</b>	<b>Gallipolis</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Temporary: Stated Supply</b>		
<b>Effective (Pensionable) Salary</b>			<b>Reimbursable Expenses (by voucher)</b>		
Cash Salary (Annual)	0	Auto Expense (IRS: \$.535/mi)	450		
Fair Rental Value of Manse	0	Business/professional expense	450		
Housing Allowance	23,750	SECA Supplement (up to 50%)	0		
Utility Allowance	0	Continuing Education	2,000		
Deferred Compensation	0	<b>Other Allowances</b>			
SECA Supplement (>50%)	0	Moving Expenses	NA		
<b>Total Effective Salary (BoP)</b>	23,750	Medical Expense	4,000		
<b><i>This call meets AA / EEO guidelines and Presbytery minimums.</i></b>					
Full medical, pension, disability, death benefit coverage under the Board of Pensions					Yes
Paid vacation leave (in weeks)	4				
Paid continuing education leave	2	weeks	Cumulative up to	NA	weeks
Authority (if temporary)	Moderate Session				
Authority (if CRE)					
Other Terms	One (1) year, renewable; sixty (60) day notice; transitional ministry objectives				

## 5. Dissolutions

- a. Concurred with the request of the congregation of the Waverly First Church to dissolve the call with teaching elder Richard Hays, effective September 30, 2017, and grant him the status of honorably retired.

## 6. Receptions

- a. Received teaching elder Jeffrey A. Schooley from the Presbytery of Washington.
- b. Received teaching elder Mary Gene Boteler, HR, from the Presbytery of Cincinnati.

## 7. Dismissals

- a. Dismissed teaching elder Maurice Smith HR to the Presbytery of Shenango.
- b. Dismissed teaching elder Brian Harroff to the Presbytery of Eastern Virginia.
- c. Removed teaching elder Gerald Gregg, died August 23, 2017.

## 8. Other

- a. Approved teaching elder Wayne Morrison as an ordination exam reader (2019)
- b. At the request of the Board of Pensions, change David Faulkner from Member-at-Large to Honorably Retired, effective August 1, 2017. (David has been on disability; he is pulpit supply and moderator of the Harrisonville Church.)
- c. Approve the request of the Presbytery of Maumee Valley, having found PSV candidate Ben Shaw suitable to receive a call as Temporary Pastor of the Ottawa Presbyterian Church, and his examination for ordination having been successfully sustained by vote of that Presbytery, to ordain Ben Shaw on behalf of the Presbytery of Maumee Valley and to transfer him to that Presbytery upon his ordination.
- d. Approve the request of the Presbytery of Maumee Valley, having found PSV candidate Elaina (Lainie) Marie Sipes suitable to receive a call as Temporary Associate Pastor of the Toledo Christ Presbyterian Church, and her examination for ordination having been successfully sustained by vote of that Presbytery, to ordain Lainie Sipes on behalf of the Presbytery of Maumee Valley and to transfer her to that Presbytery upon ordination.
- e. Endorse Anne Marshall to the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America to serve as Director of Contextual and Experiential Formation at Trinity Lutheran Seminary in Bexley.

## Report of the Actions of the Commission for Nurture and Outreach

Commission Members		Church	Class	Task Group
Steve Brand	TE	Newark First	2019	
Kathi Bubb	RE	Gahanna Mifflin	2019	
Peter Galbraith	TE	Nelsonville	2017	Higher Education
Mary Gause	TE	Columbus Overbrook	2017	
Susan Imel	RE	Columbus Covenant	2018	
Anne Marshall	TE	Validated Ministry	2019	
Trip Porch	TE	Granville First	2017	Youth/Young Adult Ministry
Charlsie Ramsey	RE	Honorably Retired	2018	Older Adults
Les Sauer	TE	Honorably Retired	2018	
Rebecca Tollefson	TE	Presbyterian Women	2018	
Presbytery Staff				
Rev. Jeannie Harsh, Transitional Executive Presbyter				
Rev. Rick Hays, Transitional Stated Clerk				

Pursuant to the authority granted by *The Book of Order*, “Form of Government” Chapter 3, (G-3.0307), Presbytery Standing Rule G-1, and Presbytery action, the Commission has taken the following actions:

1. Approved Neighborhood Mission Grants were approved, for a total of \$7300, leaving a balance of \$275:
  - First Portsmouth - \$3000 Deacon’s Food Pantry
  - Amesville-New England Parish - \$1500 for Camp Counselor stipend
  - Bremen-Bethel - \$2000 Breakfast to Go
  - St. Andrews - \$800 Vegetable patch/Hives
2. Approved up to \$450 from the Peacemaking fund to help offset reimbursable travel/lodging expenses related to the visit of PCUSA mission coworkers from Germany who are visiting First Athens, Nelsonville, and Logan churches in July.

## Report of the Actions of the Commission for Presbytery Operations

Commission Members		Church	Class	Task Group
William Acklin	RE	Granville First	2018	Staff
Robert Gustafson, Chair	RE	Worthington	2016	
Skip Jackson	TE	Columbus Indianola	2017	
William Lucas	RE	Columbus Glen Echo	2018	
Kristin Schutte	TE	Honorably Retired	2017	
Preston Shealy	TE	Columbus Boulevard	2018	
Ronald Smith	RE	Worthington	2016	
David Wear	RE	Portsmouth First	2017	
Vacancy			2016	
Presbytery Staff				
Rev. Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyter				
Rev. Rick Hays, Stated Clerk				
Rev. Roger Au, Treasurer				
John Wyckoff Financial Assistant				

Pursuant to the authority granted by *The Book of Order*, “Form of Government” Chapter 3, (G-3.0307), Presbytery Standing Rule G-1, and Presbytery action, the Commission has taken the following actions:

1. Ordered appraisals for Columbus Fairmoor and Shady Lane Churches on behalf of the Covenant Parish Administrative Commission.
2. Granted \$6,000 for 2017 and \$12,000 for 2018 for the Marion Lee St. Church mission initiative, the money to come from the current Church Development Fund, in lieu of having a policy for the use of Church Development Fund monies.
3. Received the 2016 audit report to be presented to the Presbytery and authorized Rick Hays to sign the management letter.
4. Approved the stipend for the Treasurer at \$500 per month plus reimbursement for mileage and expenses.
5. Concurred with the request of the Covenant Parish churches to market both the Columbus Shady Lane and Fairmoor properties.
6. Approved the Commission acting as the seller’s agent on behalf of the congregations with Bill Lucas overseeing this process.
7. Received the annual investment consultation from the New Covenant Funds of the Presbyterian Foundation, approved continuing the existing investment policy, and authorized the clerk to sign the policy renewal.
8. Approved hiring John Wyckoff as the financial assistant
9. Approved a statement that it saw no barriers to an individual holding more than one staff position with the Presbytery.
10. Approved guaranteeing loan applications to the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program for Athens First Church (\$90,000, elevator repair) and Columbus Old First Church (\$9,700, furnace replacement).

Synod of the Covenant Report – August 4, 2017



## **Our Mission Statement**

We, the Synod of the Covenant,  
in partnership with  
our presbyteries, congregations, the General Assembly  
and other faith communions,  
are called and sent by God  
to be a living, active and inclusive witness  
to the love of Christ

## **SYNOD ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS - August 4, 2017**

After opening worship, the Synod Assembly welcomed a guest speaker, Dr. Sayed Amjad Hussain who led a conversation on Islam and the Muslim community. Dr. Hussain helped provide an introductory Muslim perspective that is much needed, and helped inaugurate the Synod's three-year focus on Christian-Muslim Relations.

This was a timely presentation to prepare commissioners for the 2017 Mission to the USA program, whose three-year focus is also on Christian-Muslim Relations. Five congregations within the bounds of the Synod are preparing to host five Christian mission partners from Indonesia this Fall. International Partners will itinerate in four presbyteries, and are scheduled to visit with the Synod Assembly November 3-4, 2017. The fall Mission to the USA Program will start with an orientation on October 13 and end with a debriefing on November 3. Those interested in participating in the 2018 program please contact the synod office by phone or email at: [musa@synodofthecovenant.org](mailto:musa@synodofthecovenant.org)

The Synod's Welcome Refugees Coordinator, Kathy Angi, led the opening worship and closed the Assembly with a brief update on the synod's initiative to offer grants to congregations hosting refugees from Iraq and Syria. She offered her expertise and assistance to congregations exploring ways to practice hospitality with refugees.

The summer Assembly included focus on listening and conversations with Presbytery Moderators, or Vice Moderators, who reflected on the context of their ministry. Nine of the eleven presbyteries participated: Cincinnati, Detroit, Eastminster, Lake Huron, Lake Michigan, Mackinac, Maumee Valley, Miami Valley, and Muskingum Valley.

The Mobile Health Fair Ministry program served their last fair for the season on the same day of the Assembly. Lead by six young adults, the program conducted free health fairs and screened numerous clients and were assisted by many volunteers. The MHF team traveled in Michigan and Ohio and represented the church very well. Final report will be shared soon. The Synod is grateful to the ministry of the Presbyterian Women and for their support to the program. PW also collected and donated all the hygiene kits. We are also grateful to the congregations and many Presbyterians who collaborated with the synod to sponsor, host, and serve our communities through the ministry of free health fairs.

The 2016 November and this summer Assembly approved important changes to the College and Seminary scholarship grants. ALL Presbyterian college and seminary students are now eligible to apply for scholarships; the due date is October 1, 2017. New Covenant Grant Applications are also due on October 1, 2017. Applications and criteria are posted on the Synod's website: <http://synodofthecovenant.org/>



### **A Statement to Presbyterians and Others:**

**Our Souls are disturbed! Our Spirits are shaken! Yet, we do not lose faith! Presbyterians in the Mid-Atlantic Region are being called to speak out against Hatred, Injustice and Racism of all kind, particularly that which was demonstrated in Charlottesville, VA, Saturday, August 12, 2017. This region (Synod of the Mid-Atlantic) is the largest number of Presbyterians (U.S.A.) in the**

denomination. Can we use this collective presence for a forceful and visible voice for justice, equality and unity in the midst of Hatred?

White supremacists and neo-Nazis marched around the city chanting racist epitaphs. We saw visible symbols and activities, which at one point in history, were conducted in the shadows of the night. We heard the voices of young white men yelling racist words. We saw those carrying torches, Confederate flags and displaying Nazi symbols. One of God's children was killed resulting from a car ramming the crowd. Two State Troopers died in a helicopter crash responding to the disturbance.

These activities are an affront to this nation. Governor Terry McAuliffe responded forcefully to this matter and so did the Mayor of Charlottesville in their denouncement. It is clear that the President of the United States has chosen not to denounce these activities. Further, it is an affront to Presbyterians alike. I believe that through the eloquent and poignant words of Teaching Elder Robina Marie Winbush, who wrote Day 4 in the 30 Days with the Belhar Confession, we can see our charge for the days ahead. She wrote, "In so many places throughout the world, humanity finds ways to divide along race, class, caste, ethnicity and other humanly created boundaries. We use these boundaries to create social structures that are committed to maintaining systems of division and hostility. "In both the United States and South Africa these structures were undergirded by theologies developed by "Christian" theologians who argued that it was God's intention that humanity be separated, particularly along racial lines and that white supremacy was divinely ordered. The Confession of Belhar denounces such theology as heresy and reminds us that God gave us the gift of unity, even though this unity is often distorted by human brokenness. Therefore, we are called to work for the full realization of this gift. However, unity is not a passive acceptance of unjust systems for the sake of a false peace. It is the hard work of dismantling the systems that divide and subjugate sisters and brothers and building societies marked by justice and love. We live between the promise of the reign of God in Jesus the Christ and the fulfillment of that reality on earth is it is in heaven."

Some Challenges for Presbyterians include, but are not limited to the following:

- That Teaching/Ruling Elders and members take serious this gift of Unity and work judiciously to denounce racism, white supremacy and the evil acts of all hate groups.
- That Presbyteries assist its leadership and congregations to engage in the substantive work of Race and Reconciliation.
- That Presbyterians recommit themselves to ecumenical and interfaith work.
- That Presbyterians join in advocating for legislative policies that guard against such hatred and provide protection for those the hatred is targeting.
- That Presbyterians work for Peace and Unity in the places that you live and have influence.
- That Presbyterians Pray without ceasing!

*In God's Grace,*

*Warren J. Lesane, Jr., Executive and Stated Clerk for the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic*

Stated Clerk's statement: 'Are we complicit in the racism of the alt-right?'  
Nelson: 'Proclaimers and hearers of the gospel must engage this uncomfortable issue that damages the soul of our country'



AUGUST 14, 2017

*Stated Clerk of the General Assembly*

THE REV. DR. J. HERBERT NELSON, II

***"All this I have spoken while still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you." (John 14:25-26)***

***WE BELIEVE that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.***

*(Excerpt from The Confession of Belhar)*

White supremacy raised its head and occupied a weekend of the news. We are reeling as a nation from President Trump's cursory statement that failed to aggressively condemn the existence of the alt-right and their promotion of vitriolic racial rhetoric and white supremacy. No longer can we make statements of denial that racial hatred and bigotry are isolated occurrences in our society. We witnessed the blatant actions of white supremacists giving declaration to their views of dominance, control and superiority in the streets of Charlottesville, a prestigious university town in Virginia. If the espousal of white supremacy was not enough, we now know that James Alex Fields Jr. of Maumee, Ohio is the driver of the car that killed one person and injured dozens more in the name of white supremacy. These occurrences are the result of a protest organized by the alt-right to maintain a statue of another white supremacist, Robert E. Lee.

The handprint of racism is all over the United States in the 21st century. My question is: Where are we in the Church with the racist attitudes that have now been given an extreme voice from the highest offices in the land - both governmental and corporate? Where are the

modern-day prophets - not simply in the streets and on television, but in local communities, organizing for a new day in the United States?

These rhetorical questions are a way of simply asking: What did you preach to your congregation this past weekend? Did you preach a *prophetic word* of liberation addressing the context, content and consequences of our urgency to act in these times, or did you preach on Sunday's lectionary text about Jesus walking on water?

The lectionary text failed to presage that white supremacy in the United States would raise its ugly head on national television the day before we had to preach. However, for some pastors who encounter white supremacy every day, the preaching transition was not a shock. Changing sermon titles, tweaking Scripture readings and even discarding a sermon and starting over at midnight or hours before worship are a part of the contextual reality we face. Having lived as a child through the civil rights activity of my father, uncles and other clergy, I know that this strain of white supremacy in the United States is nothing new. New African-American pastors and others of color have adjusted their sermon preparation in response to Trayvon Martin's Saturday (midnight) verdict; the Emanuel AME prayer meeting/Bible study shooting (midweek); the Walter Scott shooting by police (Saturday afternoon) and the countless numbers of detention lockups, deportations and police-sanctioned violence against their communities, including new immigrants. Midnight sermon challenges are not new. As a matter of faith, some do not even write sermons until midnight on Saturday. This is not an issue of laziness, but the overwhelming contextual realities of the community make it difficult to even carve out time to give 20 hours weekly to preaching/study time. In these cases their preaching is shaped by an overwhelming context of communal chaos.

President Trump affirmed this past weekend that white supremacy is not simply grounded in individual acts, but is often sanctioned by the complicity of systems that provide support through their silence and well-crafted statements that fail to name the structural "isms" of our society. Therefore, structural racism is deeply connected, even within the church. We are complicit through what we do and refuse to do. Therefore, to have ignored the issues of white supremacy and racism in our delivery of the Word of God this weekend was to be complicit with the very acts in Charlottesville. I know this may feel like an unfair judgment, given all of the pressures that we face in juggling church and personal responsibilities. However, we are always judged as leaders of the church (clergy, laity and baptized members). Someone sat in the pew yesterday seeking a contextual understanding of Scripture related to the events of this past week while trying to make sense of it all. If we did not address this issue, then we did not faithfully interpret the gospel message that was relevant in our cultural context as a nation of people. If we turned only to the lectionary to expound upon the miracle of Jesus walking on water without giving a contextual exegesis on the rise of the alt-right in the United States and preservation of the white supremacist call to protect the statue of Robert E. Lee, then we were complicit in their behaviors.

Jesus reminds us in the gospel of John, *"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father and he will give you another Advocate to be with you forever"* (John 14:15-16). This word *advocate* comes from the Greek word *advocare*, which means to "stand beside or stand with." Its connotation is akin to a lawyer standing beside a client. Jesus is preparing them to live a life in faith without his physical presence, while reminding them that the spiritual presence that guided him will still be with them; will stand beside them; will

be an advocate for them. We use the words *justice advocacy* to explain the power of walking beside the victimized in our society. Racism represents a historic ill and victimization of people of color in this nation. It is a cancer in the soul of our country that can be driven out only by love. This love makes both the believer and nonbeliever uncomfortable, because it causes us to recognize that we can do more when we take our eyes off ourselves and place them on the Almighty.

White supremacy will not be eradicated until faith leaders become willing to risk their very lives (professional and otherwise) for the sake of the gospel. The Scriptures remind us that "Whoever tries to keep their life will lose it, and whoever loses their life will preserve it" (Luke 17:33). Our denomination must be willing to lose its life for the sake of eradicating more than 400 years of white supremacy in the United States. Our great celebration of the Belhar Confession at the 222nd General Assembly was a joyous occasion and signaled to the world that we are prepared to begin a new journey of turning the world upside down, by engaging our (PCUSA's) complicity in racism.

An excerpt from the Belhar Confession states: "We believe that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine."

The behaviors and ideologies of racial superiority are learned. Dylann Roof was 21 years old when he wore an apartheid patch on his vest the night he killed parishioners in Bible study/prayer meeting at Emanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina. Roof was born in 1994. He was too young to understand what the patch represented without the assistance of others. Therefore, the hatred that took the lives of those persons praying and studying God's Word was taught to him. His white supremacist thinking was an indoctrination to hate-mongering and a superficial belief that superiority is grounded in race alone. We learned this weekend that there are others who are willing to blatantly carry on the banner of racism even if it means the killing of others. What will you preach and teach in this era about the love of Jesus and the call to love one another? How will you as a leader in the Christian church courageously proclaim the Lord's name in Spirit and truth for the sake of the kingdom of God?

I want to thank our co-moderators, Reverends Jan Edmiston and Denise Anderson, for continuing their commitment to challenging the PC(USA) to live into our call of embracing Belhar. They have broadened the awareness of many through their book studies while living into their role of challenging our denomination to be transformers of this present age.

I must also give thanks for the deep work of the racial-ethnic ministries unit of the Presbyterian Mission Agency and the ecumenical witness of the Office of the General Assembly for continued heavy lifting to implement Belhar within the PC(USA) and beyond. We must witness to a new age regarding race in the United States. Our risk is not in engaging the issue of white supremacy. Our greatest risk is in failing to make every effort possible through the gospel to eradicate racism with the help of the Lord.

Proclaimers and hearers of the gospel must engage this uncomfortable issue that damages the soul of our country. God is calling us to be a viable witness in these times. This requires courage and a deep faith to speak truth in love.

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## Report of the Review of Presbytery Minutes

The annual review by the Synod of the Covenant of the presbytery's minutes for 2016 was held in Maumee, Ohio at the Synod Office on May 1 – May 2, 2017.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley

**Approved Without Exception**

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### **Appointment of the Enrollment Clerk**

Appoint Dagmar Romage Enrollment Clerk for the meeting.

## Commission for Congregational Life

Commission Members		Church	Class	Task Group
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Robert G. Armstrong	TE	Hilliard	2017	Congregational Strategy
Bob Bethge	RE	Westminster	2018	Congregational Support
Jeri-Lynne Bouterse	TE	Circleville	2018	Transition
Deborah Bowsher	TE	Mt. Gilead	2019	Congregational Strategy
Christine Burns, Chair	TCRE	Fredericktown	2017	Congregational Support
Brian Harroff	TE	Mt. Vernon	2018	Transition
Charlotte O'Neil	TE	Val. Min./Waverly	2017	Congregational Strategy
Marquell Segelken	RE	Gahanna Mifflin	2019	Congregational Connection
Vacancy				
Presbytery Staff				
Rev. Jeannie Harsh, Executive Presbyterian				

### 1. FIRST READING: PNC Process for Recommending Temporary Pastor as Pastor

#### **PNC Process for Recommending Temporary Pastor as Pastor** Introduction

Historically the Presbyterian Church (USA) held that changing a pastor's role from a temporary position (transitional, stated supply) to a called position in the same congregation was not in the best interest

of the congregation. Until the 2011 revisions to the Form of Government, the Book of Order expressly forbade such pastoral changes. Temporary pastors could not be considered for the corresponding permanent position in a congregation.

The Form of Government revised in 2011 sought to change the pattern of creating a rule to address every aspect of our connectional life. At this point, councils and congregations are encouraged to place God's mission at the heart of their decision-making, and the church is called to be led by the Holy Spirit and apply the broad principles of our polity with creativity and flexibility.

Of particular interest has been the degree of flexibility afforded by the Book of Order provisions regarding changes in pastoral leadership in a given congregation. While the new flexibility empowers the presbytery to help churches navigate a changing world, the collective wisdom which lead to the previous restrictions should not be discounted. There remain significant concerns regarding the movement of a temporary pastor, especially a transitional pastor, to called pastor and each attempt must be viewed with a healthy skepticism.

It is the view of this presbytery that the significant concerns are best addressed through building partnerships and communicating with congregations (as is delineated in our mission statement). The presbytery policy allows for hopeful flexibility while empowering the commissions to act as a necessary check against ill-advised transitions.

## Commission for Congregational Life

This document establishes the policy of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley for enacting the new provisions related to changes in a temporary pastoral relationship.

## Pastoral Succession in the Book of Order

With respect to changes in pastoral roles, the current Book of Order states:

- G-2.0504b Temporary Pastoral Relationships ... "Titles and terms of service for temporary relationships shall be determined by the presbytery. . . . A teaching elder employed in a temporary pastoral relationship is *ordinarily* not eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor." [emphasis added]

The authority for granting exceptions to these provisions is found in the following:

- G-2.0504c Exceptions. "A Presbytery may determine that its mission strategy permits a teaching elder currently called as an Associate Pastor to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor or co-pastor, or a teaching elder employed in a temporary pastoral relationship to be eligible to serve as the next installed pastor, co-pastor, or associate pastor. Presbyteries that permit this eligibility shall establish such relationships only by a three-fourths vote of the members of presbytery present and voting."

### Presbytery of Scioto Valley Process

- 1) A congregation shall complete the required steps on the pastoral search process up to and including the election of the Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC) and the creation of a Ministry Information Form (MIF).
- 2) If after creating the MIF, the PNC and the temporary pastor both believe the temporary pastor might be a good fit for the congregation, the PNC chair must notify the congregation's liaison to the Presbytery's Commission for Congregational Life (CCL) of their desire.

When notified, the presbytery liaison shall notify the CCL chair, the Presbytery's Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) chair, the Presbytery's Mediation and Support Team (MAST).

- 3) A CCL representative then meets with the PNC to discuss the issues present in recommending a temporary pastor as a candidate for call.

These issues include, but are not limited to:

- a. Given that temporary pastors might better enable congregations to deal with their agenda if the pastor has no vested interest in their own long-range call to that congregation, what issues have been successfully handled during the temporary period? What issues have been unaddressed?
- b. Given that trust is essential in covenantal relationships, what steps will be taken to ensure distrust is not part of the climate in which the new long-term relationship will begin?
- c. During a temporary pastorate, the pastor has, most likely, had to push, confront, challenge or strongly discourage certain behavior, actions or policies. This is particularly true of transitional pastorates. Given that it is risky to consider a temporary pastor when there may be underlying opposition to that individual by

persons in the congregation, is the PNC aware of the ways in which the transitional work has impacted the congregation?

- 4) If the PNC desires to consider the temporary pastor as a candidate, the PNC, in consultation with the session, shall request that the CCP and CCL consider recommending to the presbytery that the request be endorsed by the presbytery (See Pastoral Succession in the Book of Order above).
- 5) The presbytery's Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) shall interview the candidate as it would a new teaching elder entering the presbytery and to discuss the potential issues present in moving to a called position.
- 6) The CCP and CCL representatives shall meet to discuss the changing call. If both CCP and CCL agree with the PNC and the pastor that the call is acceptable the PNC is informed that the process can proceed to the next step.
- 7) If the CCP and CCL commissions support the possibility of the changing call, given the particular circumstances involved, the request to consider the temporary pastor as candidate for pastor shall be presented to the presbytery as an extraordinary action supported by both the CCP and CCL.  
If less than the required 75% of the presbytery votes to approve the consideration of the temporary pastor, the contract for the temporary pastorate will ordinarily not be renewed.
- 8) If the presbytery supports the consideration of the temporary pastor, the PNC shall interview the pastor as they would any pastoral candidate.
- 9) If the PNC nominates the temporary pastor as the candidate, the session and the temporary pastor shall submit an amended contract to the CCP indicating that the session will pay the temporary pastor a 3-month severance package should the temporary pastor receive insufficient votes at the congregational meeting (See Step 9 below).
- 10) The session schedules a congregational meeting for the election - with a member of the CCP acting as moderator.  
The relationship between the temporary pastor and the congregation shall be terminated if there is insufficient congregational support as indicated by the vote.

### **Applicability of Process to Commissioned Ruling Elders**

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley commissions ruling elders, who have been through transitional ministry training, to churches in transition. Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE) always function within the bounds of a temporary role. In some instances, when the situation in a congregation warrants it, the Presbytery of Scioto Valley might determine that the CRE will need to function in the same manner as a Teaching Elder called to a transitional position. The cautionary approach advocated by the Book of Order was particularly related to the unique relationship between a transitional pastor and a congregation. Neither the level of education of a pastor nor the particular ordination of a pastor provides the basis for the cautionary approach. As such, if the presbytery has recommended that a CRE position be considered a transitional

position, any congregation that seeks to change the existing relationship with the CRE must adhere to the process outlined by this policy.

CREs are not called by congregations, but rather are contracted by sessions. With regard to Step 10, the session shall convene a congregational meeting for the purpose of conducting a non-binding advisory vote of the congregation to determine support for an ongoing, contractual relationship with the CRE.

## By the PNC

This policy has been read and is agreed to by the  
PNC of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ohio.

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
PNC Chair

## By the Session

This policy has been read and is agreed to by the  
session of the \_\_\_\_\_ Church of  
\_\_\_\_\_ Ohio.

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_

## By the Teaching Elder or CRE

I hereby accept this policy and the terms and conditions contained herein.

Date of Acceptance \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Teaching Elder/CRE

## By the Commission for Church Professionals

The changing covenant between the Teaching Elder and the Congregation is supported by the Commission for Church Professionals of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Moderator

## By the Commission for Congregational Life

The changing covenant between the Teaching Elder and the Congregation is supported by the Commission for Congregational Life of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

# Commission for Congregational Life

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Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Commission Moderator

Date of Action \_\_\_\_\_ Signature \_\_\_\_\_  
Stated Clerk

## Commission for Church Professionals

Commission Members		Church	Class	Task Group
Mathias Akih	TE	Grace Community	2016	Examinations/Credentials
Carol Evans	TE	Westerville First	2016	Standards
Jim Hamilton	RE	Delaware First	2016	
Donald Hilkerbaumer, Chair	TE	Delaware Old Stone	2016	
Jennifer Eastman Hinkle	TE	Dublin	2015	Care
Robert Martin	TE	Athens Frist	2017	Mediation and Support
Ann Melick	CRE	Pataskala Outville	2015	CRE
Kae Merold	CRE	Columbus Christ	2015	Care of Professionals
Todd Tracy	TE	Delaware Liberty	2017	Examinations/Credentials
<b>Presbytery Staff</b>				
Rev. Jeannie Harsh, Transitional Executive Presbyter				
Rev. Rick Hays, Transitional Stated Clerk				

1. Adopt 2018 Minimum Terms of Call

### The Presbytery of Scioto Valley 2018 Minimum Compensation Guidelines

2018 Minimum Terms of Call (to be approved by Presbytery, September 19, 2017)

Ministers: Cash and Salary Housing/Utilities – \$48,000\*  
 Automobile Reimbursement – IRS Rate†  
 Pension/Medical/Disability – 37% of Effective Salary +  
 Continuing Education Allowance – \$1,000  
 Annual Study Leave – 2 Weeks  
 Annual Vacation – 4 Weeks

\* This represents a 1.0% increase over the 2017 minimum.

† The IRS Rate for 2018 will be announced in December 2017

+ The Board of Pensions dues for installed pastors will be 11% pension, 1% disability, 25% medical; the medical portion has increased by 0.5%

**Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE):** The minimum salary and housing terms for a full-time CRE is 80% of the above rate, or \$38,040.

**Certified Church Educators:** The minimum salary and housing terms for certified church educators is the same as for ministers.

**Transitional Pastors:** The minimum salary and housing terms for transitional pastors is 90% of amount of the pastor who has just left, but not less than the presbytery minimum.

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**Full-time and Part-time Positions:** A full-time position constitutes a range of 40-48 hours/week. Part-time positions of any kind are pro-rated.

**Session Moderators:** The honorarium for session moderators is \$50, plus mileage (IRS rate).

**Pulpit Supply:** The honorarium for pulpit supply is \$100 for one service, or \$150 for two services, plus mileage at the IRS rate.

**Contract Pastor Service:** The contract rate for pastoral care services is \$25 an hour (including travel time) plus mileage at the IRS rate.

## 2. SECOND READING: Commissioned Ruling Elder Policy

# **CERTIFIED RULING ELDER POLICY OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY**

**Adopted April 17, 2007 and Amended September 19, 2017**  
[Responsibility of Commission for Church Professionals]

## **I. POLICY**

### 1. Introduction

- a. Every Christian is called to ministry. The Reformed tradition holds that all baptized Christians are called to be active participants in the church's total ministry. The total ministry is nothing less than the exercise of the church's vocation to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ; we are called to embody that reconciliation in our own time and in our own place through worship, service to others and by proclamation of God's word to all people.
- b. The Presbytery of Scioto Valley is aware of the growing need to provide competent ministerial leadership in churches which do not have the resources, but have the need for regular pastoral leadership. In view of this need and in keeping with the Reformed tradition the Presbytery adopts the Commissioning of Ruling Elders to Particular Pastoral Service in accordance with the *Book of Order*, G-2.10
- c. The Certified Ruling Elder Task Team (CRET), as a function of the Commission for Church Professionals (CCP), will prepare and recommend to CCP, persons who may be available to serve in congregations. CCP, with cooperation and suggestions from CCL (Commission for Congregational Life), will determine ministries that may be best suited to the Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE).
- d. When the CCP is satisfied with the qualifications of the Certified Ruling Elder, and a ministry has been endorsed, the Certified Ruling Elder will be commissioned by the presbytery to pastoral service as designated by the presbytery, employing the questions contained in W-4.4000.
- e. CRE will adhere to all requirements of confidence and privilege set forth in G-4.03.

### 2. Constitutional Authority

- a. The *Book of Order* states that a ruling elder "may be commissioned to serve in a validated ministry of the presbytery." (G-2.1001)
- b. The commission of the CRE is limited to the ministry validated by the presbytery, and "shall also specify the term of service, which shall not exceed three years but shall be renewable." (G-2.1001) The work of the CRE shall be reviewed annually by the presbytery's CCP or its designated sub-committee.
- c. The *Book of Order* specifies that a CRE may be authorized to perform any or all of the following functions, but only as specified by CCP:
  - i. Administer the Lord's Supper
  - ii. Administer the Sacrament of Baptism
  - iii. Moderate the session of the congregations under the supervision of and when invited by the moderator of the session appointed by the presbytery; or when so commissioned by the presbytery
  - iv. Have a voice in meetings of presbytery
  - v. Have a vote in meetings of presbytery (such vote to be counted as an elder commissioner for the purposes of parity)
  - vi. Perform a service of Christian marriage when invited by the session or other responsible committee, and when allowed by the state.

- d. The CRE shall work “under the supervision of the presbytery. The presbytery may at any time withdraw the commission for reasons it deems good and sufficient. A teaching elder shall be assigned as a mentor and supervisor.” (G-2.1004)

## II. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

[This program syllabus replaces the “Certified Lay Professionals Program Syllabus for the Presbytery of Scioto Valley” policy Adopted April 17, 2008]

### 1. Introduction to the Old Testament

This introductory and critical survey course on the Old Testament will give students an idea of the flow of the history, geography, people, and theological development of the Old Testament. Time will be spent developing a sense of the historical background and major themes of the Old Testament as well as a general overview of the contents of the books of the Old Testament. A basic understanding of the Old Testament’s literary genre will be discussed: history, poetry, prophetic, literature, apocalyptic; as well as basic hermeneutical/exegetical skills for interpretation (context, genre, historical, setting of the book/passage, how the text has been interpreted in, and used by the church).

### 2. Introduction to the New Testament

This introductory and critical survey course on the New Testament will give students an overview of the development, time-line, geography, people and themes of the New Testament. Time will be spent developing a sense of the historical background of the New Testament and the order of its writing, the development of the literary genre therein (Gospel, history, letters, apocalyptic literature), and the roles these played in the early church; as well as basic hermeneutical/exegetical skills for interpretation (context, genre, historical, setting of the book/passage, how the text has been interpreted in, and used by the church), and a discussion of the critical and theological importance of the New Testament.

### 3. Reformed Theology

This course will examine doctrines of our faith through the Reformed Tradition. Participants will be able to express key theological beliefs, orally and in writing, including an understanding of God, humanity, sin, evil and salvation, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the church, sacraments, and a personal call to ministry.

### 4. Reformed Worship and Sacraments

This course will look at the elements of worship and cover the skills needed in planning and leading worship, speaking, reading Scripture, choosing hymns, etc. It will also introduce some of the resources available in planning of worship. Students will explore the sacraments of our church through historical, theological and liturgical considerations pertaining to services for other than Sunday mornings, such as funerals and weddings.

### 5. Introduction to Preaching

This preaching course focuses on the Old and New Testament and offers the participants training in skills needed to develop a sermon from a text. Using selected texts from either of the Testaments, the course will focus on the many aspects of sermon preparation, resources for sermons, kinds of sermons and styles of preaching, the cycle of the Christian year, and the lectionary (using it and diverging from it).

## **6. Presbyterian Polity**

This course uses the Book of Order and actual case studies to delve into the connection between the spiritual character of the Church and its human organization and system of agreed-upon rule by which it governs itself. It will cover the content of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA), the make-up of the Book of Order (The Form of Government, The Director for Worship, and the Book of Discipline), the structure and function of the governing bodies, (session, presbytery, synod and General Assembly), and the other governing bodies with which our General Assembly has relationships.

## **7. Introduction to Pastoral Care**

This introductory course deals with the needs of both the caregiver and the recipient, with strong emphasis on hospital visitation, boundary issues, ethical concerns, roles and issues, and referrals to other helping professionals. It will focus on particular pastoral care issues, such as conducting pastoral care, hospital visits, and grief counseling.

## **8. Christian Education**

This course will utilize a variety of learning opportunities and activities to explore and articulate the purpose and nature of the ministry of Christian Education in the church today. This will include: defining Christian Education in the church today; the biblical and theological basis for Christian Education; the impact of human development and learning styles on faith development; available curriculum and resources; skills development in CE program assessment and planning.

## **9. Ethics and Sexual Misconduct**

This course will be a classroom course required by the presbytery for completion and certification of the student. Students will use case studies to discuss duties and responsibilities church professionals have in dealing with parishioners, volunteers and staff of the church, including boundary issues, ethical concerns, confidentiality and sexual misconduct. The Presbytery's Policy on Sexual Misconduct is the text for this course. Participants will be required to sign a statement that they have read and understand the Presbytery's policy on sexual misconduct.

## **10. A Nine-Month Supervised Field Experience**

Each student will complete a nine (9) month individually designed, supervised, field education experience. As a key component to the spiritual development of the student, this experience will have an emphasis on preaching and pastoral care and include exposure and involvement with the administration and planning needed to serve a congregation.

## **11. Alternative Clinical Experience**

Each student will complete an Alternative Clinical Experience (A.C.E.) designed and supervised by an instructor of the presbytery. This experience will serve to enrich pastoral care and student to student interpersonal communications.

## **12. Communications Coaching**

Each student will complete a presbytery designed coaching to develop concise, focused, and effective communication skills.

### III. CRE FIELD EDUCATION GUIDELINES

Name of Student \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Church \_\_\_\_\_

#### Goal statement for CRE Students:

The CRE student will learn to share the gospel with people within the congregation and the community. The student shall respect the feelings and privacy of all individuals, and encourage and support them as they engage in ministry. The student shall become familiar with the administrative operations and internal systems of a congregation.

#### Responsibilities:

- Regular participation in planning and leading worship, including preaching.
- Work with Sunday, weekday and/or other programs as available.
- Visit hospitalized and homebound under the guidance of the supervisor.
- Become familiar with existing outreach programs and agencies available for referral.
- Attend staff, session, and other board meetings, as appropriate.
- Other ministries as appropriate.

#### Accountability:

The CRE student will have supervisory meetings with the pastor. The CRE Task Team will receive a report from the pastor at the half-way interval, and will also provide an exit interview to the team.

#### Hours and Benefits:

- Starting Date \_\_\_\_\_ Ending Date \_\_\_\_\_
- 9 month time frame.
- Funds may be available upon request.

Student Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Pastor Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

CRE Task Team Moderator \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

\*\*\*Please attach a field experience plan, which includes the above guidelines, to explain the involvement of the supervising pastor, student, and/or mentor in your experience plan\*\*\*

## 3. First Reading: Healthy Boundaries Policy

### **HEALTHY BOUNDARIES POLICY**

[Approved by Presbytery, MM/DD/YEAR]

[Responsible Commission: Commission for Church Professionals]

#### **I. Introduction**

##### ***Psalm 119:10-16***

- <sup>10</sup> I have sought you with all my heart.  
Don't let me stray from any of your commandments!
- <sup>11</sup> I keep your word close, in my heart,  
so that I won't sin against you.
- <sup>12</sup> You, LORD, are to be blessed!  
Teach me your statutes.
- <sup>13</sup> I will declare out loud  
all the rules you have spoken.
- <sup>14</sup> I rejoice in the content of your laws  
as if I were rejoicing over great wealth.
- <sup>15</sup> I will think about your precepts  
and examine all your paths.
- <sup>16</sup> I will delight in your statutes;  
I will not forget what you have said.

For over three decades, the Presbyterian Church (USA) has acknowledged that sexual misconduct and exploitation have existed in its churches and among its members. Policies and procedures were put in place and have lessened the number of cases. We have learned a lot. The Healthy Boundaries training presents a positive approach to our professional conduct and responsibilities.

#### **II. Policy**

*The Presbytery of Scioto Valley seeks to engage church professionals of the Presbytery in understanding, teaching, and maintaining healthy boundaries in their ministries.*

This Policy will:

- Identify when training takes place and who should attend; and
- Define the process for annually reviewing and updating of this policy.

A Church Professional is defined as a Minister of Word and Sacrament, a Commissioned Pastor, or a Certified Christian Educator. The policy also applies to anyone who acts on behalf of the Presbytery such as staff, retreat leaders, mission teams, and Presbytery Commission members.

### **III. Procedure for Healthy Boundary Training**

#### **Compliance**

- All Ministers of Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Pastors, or staff of Presbytery who are actively serving in a church or on the staff of Presbytery will be expected to receive certification every three years for having attended a Healthy Boundaries training course provided by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.
- Other Ministers of Word and Sacrament and Commissioned Pastors who are not actively serving are encouraged to take this training to enhance their ministries to the church.
- Anyone working on behalf of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley will be expected to complete a Healthy Boundaries training course provided by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.
- The Commission for Church Professionals will monitor compliance.
- The Stated Clerk will maintain the records of those who have completed the course.

All new church professionals will participate in the Healthy Boundaries 101 training course provided by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley within the first eighteen months of service. By the end of the fourth year of being received by the Presbytery, these church professionals will complete Healthy Boundaries 201. Every three years after this, they will complete a Healthy Boundaries Refresher Course.

Ministers of Word and Sacrament whose Healthy Boundaries certification is over two years out of date will not be considered for election to any presbytery commission or office, will not receive attestation for Personal Information Forms filed with the Church Leadership Connection, and will have their non-compliance noted in any reference check.

The commission of a Commissioned Pastor whose Healthy Boundaries certification is over two years out of date will not be renewed at the next commission anniversary. A new commission will not be approved until the Commissioned Pastor has obtained the required Healthy Boundaries training.

#### **Courses Offered**

The courses offered by the Presbytery will be:

- Healthy Boundaries 101 (a day long course) offered at least once a year.
- Healthy Boundaries 201 (a day long course) offered at least once a year.
- Healthy Boundaries Refresher Course (a two-hour course) offered at least once a year at PIE or in conjunction with Presbytery meetings.
- Healthy Boundaries Custom Workshop may be offered for specific groups prior to their service on behalf of the Presbytery (for example: prior to a mission trip or youth retreat)

### **IV. Updating the Healthy Boundaries Policy**

This policy will be reviewed by the Commission for Church Professionals and the Stated Clerk. Any necessary changes will be presented to the Presbytery for approval. Additionally, this Commission shall annually review resources and make these available in training and on the PSV website.

## 4. Examination for Ordination: Scott Schnapp

### Scott Schnapp Biographical Statement

I was born on September 21, 1965 at Christ Hospital in Jersey City, New Jersey to Walter and Eleanor Schnapp. We lived in the small town of Guttenberg, New Jersey, which is directly across the river from Manhattan. I spent the first seventeen years of my life in Guttenberg. I have one sibling, my sister Barbara. She is seventeen years older than me, and currently lives in Florida. I had a wonderful childhood with parents and lots of aunts and uncles who loved me.

I was raised in the Reformed Church in America (RCA). I remember as a young child walking over one block to the First Reformed Church to attend Sunday school. When I was in 8<sup>th</sup> grade, our church merged with Woodcliff Reformed Church which was about ten blocks away. I continued to make the longer walk each week to attend Sunday school and services.

I joined the United States Navy when I was seventeen years old. That is where I first experienced a true, personal relationship with the living God. This is also where I received my call to ministry. I worked as a Cryptologic Communications Technician with Naval Security Group. I was stationed in Florida, Japan, Okinawa, and aboard the USS Peleliu (LHA-5). I served from 1983-1988 and attained the rank of Petty Officer Second Class.

After the Navy, I returned to New Jersey to attend Jersey City State College. I received my B.A. in June 1991. I also completed a diploma program in computer programming from the Chubb Institute. I spent ten years working in the computer industry. When positions in the field became reduced, I began working in the security field. I was married to Leah-Anne LaPelusa in November of 2000 and we moved to Effort, Pennsylvania in 2001. We began attending the local United Methodist Church. In response to my call, I attended Moravian Theological Seminary in 2005. I had to stop attending after one year because my wife lost her job. Due to lack of employment, we sold our home and moved to Grove City, Ohio in 2007. We continued to attend the United Methodist Church in Grove City. I began working in the security field once again. Leah-Anne suffered with anger management issues which eventually led to our divorce in 2011.

My divorce led to me having to file bankruptcy. I was at the lowest point in my life. I told God that I no longer wanted to live for myself but for Him. I put my full trust in God to control my life. Not long after this, I met the woman who would become my current wife, Helen Deborah (Debbie) Amsler. She asked me to attend church with her, and we began attending First Presbyterian Church Marysville. I immediately felt at home there and it felt great to be back to my Reformed roots. Debbie and I were married on June 29, 2012, the day of the historic Derecho weather system. I am now blessed to have three stepchildren, Maggie 31, Meredith 29, and Noah 17. Our first grandchild, Harper was born on February 24, 2015. On May 19, 2013, I was ordained as a Ruling Elder at First Church. I served as a commissioner to presbytery for 18 months and as Outreach Chair for three and a half years. After much prayer and discussion, Debbie and I decided that I should return to seminary to fulfill my calling. I began attending Ashland Theological Seminary in the fall of 2013 and graduated with a Master of Divinity in Chaplaincy degree in May 2017. I am currently serving as the pastor of Lee Street Presbyterian Church in Marion, Ohio. I love and serve my congregation with great joy! I am a bi-

vocational pastor and also work as a security supervisor for RMI International. I can only give credit and glory to God for the rapid pace of positive change and transformation that has occurred in my life.

### **Scott Schnapp Statement of Faith**

#### Personal Statement of Faith – Scott Schnapp

I believe in the Trinity, one God in three persons. I believe that God the Father is the creator, owner and ruler over everything I know and experience in life. I believe that God the Father is all knowing, everywhere present, all loving, gracious, merciful, holy, just, righteous and sovereign.

I believe the biblical record of Jesus Christ as contained in both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus is the Son of God, fully human and fully God. God the Father sent his Son to be born, live and die just as his created people did. During his life, Jesus perfectly kept the Old Testament law. Jesus died a horrible death on the cross as God's perfect sacrifice. On the cross, Jesus took the full measure of God's wrath against sinfulness. Jesus died to forgive all of our sins so that we might be reconciled to God. God raised Jesus from the dead. Jesus is in heaven to daily intercede for us until the Day of Judgment comes. I am truly grateful to God for the salvation he has given all of us through Jesus Christ.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who was sent by God to be an advocate and helper for us in our daily lives. The power of the Holy Spirit's presence dwells within believers and connects us to the living God. The Holy Spirit is at work to form us into becoming more like Jesus Christ. The Holy Spirit helps convict us of our sins. When we ask for forgiveness, the Spirit lets us know that we are truly forgiven. The Spirit also enables us to forgive others when they have hurt us. The Holy Spirit's presence should leave us with no doubt that we will one day experience resurrection and live for eternity in paradise with God. The Spirit has graciously provided me with my gifts for ministry for which I am truly joyous and grateful.

As we dwell in the presence of God, we are all continually moved to change and to grow. We do not do this alone, but together as members of the church. Through the church and the sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion, we come to realize the ways in which we do not always do what God wants us to do. This understanding of how far we all are from God's standard is humbling. Although we will never reach God's standard in this life, we must give our very best to the One who continually loves and forgives us. I have dedicated the remainder of my life to be a faithful servant of our glorious God, God's people and God's mission in the world.

## Commission for Presbytery Operations

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### THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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## Independent Auditor's Report

Commission for Presbytery Operations  
The Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
Columbus, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of The Presbytery of Scioto Valley, which comprise the statements of financial position as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the related statements of activities and changes in net assets and cash flows for the years then ended, and the related notes to the financial statements.

### Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America; this includes the design, implementation, and maintenance of internal control relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits. We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal control relevant to The Presbytery of Scioto Valley's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of The Presbytery of Scioto Valley's internal control. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Presbytery of Scioto Valley as of December 31, 2016 and 2015, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the years then ended in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'HW&amp;Co.'.

Columbus, Ohio  
July 11, 2017

## THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY

### STATEMENTS OF FINANCIAL POSITION

DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

#### ASSETS

	2016	2015
<b>Current assets:</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 435,175	\$ 124,667
Accounts receivable	103,955	54,391
Current portion of note receivable	2,387	2,271
Assets held for sale	-	275,000
Prepaid expenses	5,717	7,477
Total current assets	547,234	463,806
<b>Assets limited as to use</b>	109,713	124,041
<b>Property and equipment, net</b>	1,611,566	1,613,796
<b>Other assets:</b>		
Note receivable, net of current portion	28,125	30,512
Investments	1,386,499	1,298,405
Total other assets	1,414,624	1,328,917
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,683,137</b>	<b>\$ 3,530,560</b>

#### LIABILITIES AND NETS ASSETS

<b>Current liabilities:</b>		
Accounts payable	\$ 132,515	\$ 125,938
Current portion of notes payable	24,582	23,628
Deferred revenue	762	-
Agency accounts	2,454	2,454
	160,313	152,020
<b>Notes payable, net of current portion</b>	232,846	256,806
Total liabilities	393,159	408,826
<b>Net assets:</b>		
Unrestricted:		
Commission designated	2,986,662	2,740,827
Unrestricted	193,603	256,866
Temporarily restricted	109,713	124,041
Total net assets	3,289,978	3,121,734
<b>Total liabilities and net assets</b>	<b>\$ 3,683,137</b>	<b>\$ 3,530,560</b>

See notes to financial statements.

## THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY

### STATEMENTS OF ACTIVITIES AND CHANGES IN NET ASSETS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
<b>Unrestricted net assets:</b>		
<b>Revenue and support:</b>		
Per capita	\$ 415,943	\$ 431,279
General mission	147,571	160,974
Grants and contributions	38,004	27,504
Event fee income	61,811	39,169
Investment income (loss), net	20,587	(963)
Other income	16,782	18,387
Commission designated net assets released from Church Development Fund	11,900	22,000
Net assets released from restrictions	45,263	33,798
Total revenue and support	757,861	732,148
<b>Expenses:</b>		
Personnel	288,633	282,530
Council	199,301	199,949
Mission	119,151	92,055
Committee on ministry	49,798	71,817
Equipping leadership/education	77,568	57,833
Operations	79,635	49,506
CPM	17,950	10,551
Presbytery meetings	4,963	7,777
Total expenses	836,999	772,018
<b>Change in unrestricted net assets before Church Development Fund activity, net</b>	(79,138)	(39,870)
<b>Church Development Fund activity, net:</b>		
General activity, net	205,340	(98,164)
Investment income (loss), net	68,270	(28,675)
Commission designated net assets released from Church Development Fund	(11,900)	(22,000)
Total Church Development Fund activity, net	261,710	(148,839)
<b>Increase (decrease) in unrestricted net assets</b>	182,572	(188,709)
<b>Temporarily restricted net assets:</b>		
Grants and contributions	26,587	38,207
Investment income (loss), net	4,348	(956)
Net assets released from restrictions	(45,263)	(33,798)
<b>Increase (decrease) in temporarily restricted net assets</b>	(14,328)	3,453
<b>Increase (decrease) in net assets</b>	168,244	(185,256)
<b>Net assets, beginning</b>	3,121,734	3,306,990
<b>Net assets, ending</b>	<u>\$ 3,289,978</u>	<u>\$ 3,121,734</u>

See notes to financial statements.

## THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY

### STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

	2016	2015
<b>Cash flows from operating activities:</b>		
Increase (decrease) in net assets	\$ 168,244	\$ (185,256)
Adjustments to reconcile increase (decrease) in net assets to net cash provided by (used in) operating activities:		
Depreciation	2,230	2,453
Net realized and unrealized losses (gains) on investments	(82,196)	37,824
Property and equipment conveyed to member congregation	-	106,787
Loss on sale of assets held for sale	12,566	-
Decrease (increase) in operating assets:		
Accounts receivable	(49,564)	(6,857)
Prepaid expenses	1,760	1,931
Increase (decrease) in operating liabilities:		
Accounts payable	6,577	11,665
Deferred revenue	762	(800)
Agency accounts	-	75
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	60,379	(32,178)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities:</b>		
Change in assets limited as to use	14,328	(3,453)
Proceeds from sale of assets held for sale	262,434	-
Collections on note receivable	2,271	2,160
Proceeds from sales of investments	3,014,343	1,172,244
Purchases of investments	(3,020,241)	(1,179,791)
Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities	273,135	(8,840)
<b>Cash flows from financing activities; principal payments on notes payable</b>	<b>(23,006)</b>	<b>(22,394)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>310,508</b>	<b>(63,412)</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, beginning</b>	<b>124,667</b>	<b>188,079</b>
<b>Cash and cash equivalents, ending</b>	<b>\$ 435,175</b>	<b>\$ 124,667</b>

See notes to financial statements.

## THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

#### Description of organization and summary of significant accounting policies:

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (The Presbytery) acts as an administrative body between certain congregations of the Presbyterian Church (United States of America) ("U.S.A.") and the Synod of the Covenant and the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A). The Presbytery is supported primarily through contributions from those member congregations.

#### Use of estimates:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (U.S. GAAP) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect certain amounts reported in the financial statements and accompanying notes. Actual results could differ from those estimates and assumptions.

#### Cash and cash equivalents:

Cash and cash equivalents include all unrestricted demand deposits held by banks and a money market fund with an original maturity of three months or less. These accounts are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation up to \$250,000. Cash and cash equivalent balances may periodically exceed the federally insured limits. The Presbytery does not expect to incur any losses resulting from cash and cash equivalents held at banks.

#### Accounts receivable:

Accounts receivable consist of contributions due from various congregations, and are recorded at their net realizable value. Management evaluates the collectability of accounts receivable based on prior collection history. Based on this evaluation, management has determined accounts receivable are fully collectible at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

#### Assets held for sale:

The Presbytery considered the land and building held for sale to be available for sale in its present condition at December 31, 2015, and was sold in 2016. The loss on the sale of the land and building totaled \$12,566, and is included in the Church Development Fund general activity, net on the statement of activities and changes in net assets for the year ended December 31, 2016.

#### Assets limited as to use:

Assets limited as to use include assets that are temporarily restricted, and consist of cash and cash equivalents and investments.

## THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY

### NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2016 AND 2015

**L. Description of organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued):**

**Property and equipment:**

Additions of property and equipment are recorded at cost or at fair value if acquired by gift. Maintenance and repairs are charged to operations when incurred. When property and equipment is sold or otherwise disposed of, the asset and the related accumulated depreciation are relieved, and any gain or loss is included in revenue and support.

The cost of property and equipment is depreciated over the estimated useful lives of the related assets. Depreciation is computed on the straight-line method. The range of useful lives used in computing depreciation of the furniture and equipment is five to ten years. Land and buildings held in the Church Development Fund for establishment of new and redeveloping congregations, or as a result of dissolved congregations, are not depreciated.

The Presbytery reports contributions of long-lived assets (land, buildings, and furniture and equipment) as unrestricted support unless explicit donor stipulations specify how the donated assets must be used. Contributions of long-lived assets with explicit restrictions that specify how the assets are to be used and gifts of cash or other assets that must be used to acquire long-lived assets are reported as restricted support. Absent explicit donor stipulations about how long those long-lived assets must be maintained, The Presbytery reports expirations of donor restrictions when the donated or acquired long-lived assets are placed in service.

**Investments:**

Investments consist of mutual funds, which are measured at fair value on the statements of financial position. Net investment income (loss) is included in unrestricted net assets unless restricted by donor or law.

**General mission, per capita, and grants and contributions:**

General mission, per capita, and grants and contributions are recognized when the donor makes a promise to give to The Presbytery that is, in substance, unconditional. Contributions that are restricted by the donor are reported as increases in unrestricted net assets if the restrictions expire in the year in which the contributions are recognized. All other donor-restricted contributions are reported as increases in temporarily or permanently restricted net assets depending on the nature of the restrictions. When a restriction expires, temporarily restricted net assets are reclassified to unrestricted net assets, and reported as net assets released from restrictions on the statements of activities and changes in net assets. There are no permanently restricted net assets at December 31, 2016 or 2015.

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#### Description of organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

##### Income taxes:

The Presbytery is a tax-exempt organization under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (the Code), and is exempt from Federal income taxes on related income pursuant to Section 501(a) of the Code.

The Presbytery is no longer subject to Federal income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2013.

##### Recent accounting pronouncements:

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standards Update (ASU) No. 2016-14, *Not-for-Profit Entities* (Topic 958), *Presentation of Financial Statements of Not-for-Profit Entities*. The objective of this ASU is to improve the current net asset classification requirements and information presented in financial statements and notes about not-for-profit entities' liquidity, financial performance and cash flows. The ASU will be effective for years beginning after December 15, 2017.

In May 2014, FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* (Topic 606). The guidance in this ASU supersedes the revenue recognition requirements in Topic 605, *Revenue Recognition*, and most industry-specific guidance throughout the industry topics of the FASB Accounting Standards Codification (ASC). The core principle of this ASU is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. To achieve that core principle, an entity should apply the following steps, (1) identify the contract(s), (2) identify the performance obligations in the contract, (3) determine the transaction price, (4) allocate the transaction price to the performance obligations in the contract, and (5) recognize revenue when (or as) the entity satisfies a performance obligation. In August 2015, ASU 2015-14 was issued to defer the effective dates of the revenue standard for one additional year. The ASU will be effective for nonpublic companies for years beginning after December 15, 2018.

In February 2016, FASB issued ASU No. 2016-02, *Leases* (Topic 842). This ASU requires lessees to recognize assets and liabilities on the statement of financial position for leases with lease terms greater than twelve months. The recognition, measurement and presentation of expenses and cash flows arising from a lease by a lessee primarily will depend on its classification as a finance or operating lease. This ASU amends current guidance that requires only capital leases to be recognized on the lessee's statement of financial position. The ASU will also require additional disclosures on the amount, timing and uncertainty of cash flows arising from leases. The ASU will be effective for nonpublic companies for years beginning after December 15, 2019.

Management has not yet determined the impact these ASUs will have on its financial statements, and will adopt the provisions upon the respective effective dates.

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#### 1. Description of organization and summary of significant accounting policies (continued):

##### Subsequent events:

In preparing these financial statements, The Presbytery has evaluated events and transactions for potential recognition or disclosure through July 11, 2017, the date The Presbytery's financial statements are available to be issued.

#### 2. Note receivable:

The Presbytery entered into a loan with a congregation to fund the construction of the congregation's building. Monthly principal and interest repayments of \$322 are due through January 2026. The interest rate is 5.00%. The note is collateralized by the building. Management believes the note receivable is fully collectible at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

The following is a summary of future principal repayments at December 31, 2016:

2017	\$	2,387
2018		2,510
2019		2,637
2020		2,773
2021		2,915
Thereafter		<u>17,290</u>
	\$	<u>30,512</u>

#### 3. Property and equipment, net:

The following is a summary of property and equipment, net at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2015</u>
Land and buildings principally held for development	\$ 1,539,622	\$ 1,539,622
Land	70,025	70,025
Furniture and equipment	<u>89,971</u>	<u>89,971</u>
	1,699,618	1,699,618
Less accumulated depreciation	<u>88,052</u>	<u>85,822</u>
	<u>\$ 1,611,566</u>	<u>\$ 1,613,796</u>

In 2015, The Presbytery conveyed the Northside property totaling \$106,787 that was principally held for development to a congregation that met the criteria of being an established congregation (see Note 8).

Depreciation expense totaled \$2,230 in 2016 and \$2,453 in 2015.

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#### 4. Investments:

Net investment income (loss) consists of the following for the years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Interest and dividends	\$ 22,273	\$ 22,280
Realized gain on investments	26,340	84,331
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments	55,856	(122,155)
Investment fees	(11,264)	(15,050)
	<u>\$ 93,205</u>	<u>\$ (30,594)</u>

The Presbytery invests in various investment securities. Investment securities are exposed to various risks such as interest rate, market and credit risks. Due to the level of risk associated with certain investment securities, it is at least reasonably possible that changes in the values of investment securities will occur in the near term and that such change could have a material effect on The Presbytery's financial position, operations and cash flows.

#### 5. Fair value:

U.S. GAAP establishes a framework for measuring fair value for certain assets and liabilities. That framework provides a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs to valuation techniques used to measure fair value.

The three levels of the fair value hierarchy are described as follows:

- Level 1 Valuations based on quoted prices in active markets.
- Level 2 Inputs, other than quoted prices in active markets that are observable, directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 Unobservable inputs for which there is little or no market data.

The fair value measurement level within the fair value hierarchy is based on the lowest level of any input that is significant to the fair value measurement. Valuation techniques used need to maximize the use of observable inputs and minimize the use of unobservable inputs.

The following table sets forth by level, within the fair value hierarchy, The Presbytery's assets at fair value at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

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5. Fair value (continued):

	2016	2015
	Level 1	Level 1
Investments (including those classified as assets limited as to use):		
Mutual funds:		
Large cap funds	\$ 525,685	\$ 717,145
Bond funds	375,875	463,187
Mid cap fund	198,522	-
Small cap funds	166,713	82,456
Intermediate government fund	122,437	-
Money market taxable fund	54,244	-
Muni national intermediate fund	-	87,233
Money market tax free fund	-	1,015
	<u>\$ 1,443,476</u>	<u>\$ 1,351,036</u>

The fair value of mutual funds is based on quoted market prices.

The preceding method described may produce a fair value calculation that may not be indicative of net realizable value or reflective of future fair values. Furthermore, although The Presbytery believes its valuation method is appropriate and consistent with other market participants, the use of different methodologies or assumptions to determine the fair value of certain financial instruments could result in a different fair value measurement at the reporting date.

There have been no changes in the methodology used at December 31, 2016 and 2015.

6. Notes payable:

The following is a summary of notes payable at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Note payable to a bank, payable in monthly installments of \$935 through September 2018, including interest at a rate of 5.375%. The note is collateralized by land (see Concord Presbyterian Church in Note 8)	\$ 97,953	\$ 103,176
Note payable to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), payable in monthly installments of \$2,223 through October 2024, including interest at a rate of 3.50%. The loan is collateralized by land (see Concord Presbyterian Church in Note 8)	<u>159,475</u>	<u>177,258</u>
	257,428	280,434
Less current portion	<u>24,582</u>	<u>23,628</u>
	<u>\$ 232,846</u>	<u>\$ 256,806</u>

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#### 6. Notes payable (continued):

The following is a summary of future principal payments at December 31, 2016:

2017	\$	24,582
2018		110,864
2019		19,753
2020		20,455
2021		21,183
Thereafter		<u>60,591</u>
	\$	<u>257,428</u>

Interest expense totaled \$11,921 in 2016 and \$12,531 in 2015, and is included in Church Development Fund general activity, net on the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

#### 7. Operating leases:

The Presbytery leased office space under an oral month to month lease agreement through February 2017, at which time The Presbytery entered into a new agreement with a related party to lease office space at a new location. The new lease agreement expires in February 2027. The Presbytery also entered into a copier lease in October 2016, which expires in September 2021. Rent expense was \$34,200 in 2016 and \$19,000 in 2015, and is included in operations expense on the statements of activities and changes in net assets. The following is a summary of the future minimum rental payments required at December 31, 2016:

2017	\$	29,364
2018		31,164
2019		31,164
2020		31,164
2021		30,873
Thereafter		<u>155,000</u>
	\$	<u>308,729</u>

#### 8. Future grants – church development:

The Presbytery has committed to transfer land held for new church development to individual congregations at such time the new congregation meets certain criteria as being an established congregation. Four congregations were in various stages of establishment at December 31, 2016 and 2015. These transfers are exclusive of the related debt obligations.

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#### 8. Future grants – church development (continued):

The following is a summary of the land and buildings committed to future grants, which are included in property and equipment, net on the statements of financial position at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Concord Presbyterian Church	\$ 639,005	\$ 639,005
New Albany Presbyterian Church	484,152	484,152
Dublin Presbyterian Church	314,309	314,309
Prince of Peace Presbyterian Church	102,156	102,156
	<u>\$ 1,539,622</u>	<u>\$ 1,539,622</u>

Management believes that church development activities should be separately accounted for and not reported as part of ongoing operations. Therefore, the Church Development Fund activity is presented separately on the statements of activities and changes in net assets. The Church Development Fund general activity, net includes revenue totaling \$231,952 in 2016 and \$27,208 in 2015, and expenses totaling \$26,612 in 2016 and \$125,372 in 2015. The revenue includes gracious separation income from various congregations totaling \$227,364 in 2016 and \$25,510 in 2015. The 2015 expenses include the Northside property totaling \$106,787 that was conveyed to a congregation. The Church Development Fund is included in Commission designated net assets on the statements of financial position.

#### 9. Congregations of the Presbytery Church (U.S.A):

The Presbytery acts as an administrative body for congregations in 21 counties in central and southern Ohio. The Presbytery receives benevolence from the congregations, and in turn, offers benevolence to the Synod and General Assembly. The benevolence from the congregations is included in general mission and per capita revenues on the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

Each congregation maintains control over its assets and liabilities. However, in conformity with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), The Presbytery retains the right to direct the use of assets of a congregation upon its dissolution.

Additionally, The Presbytery has guaranteed mortgage loans of certain congregations, payable to the General Assembly, the Synod, and financial institutions. The outstanding balances on these loans totaled \$4,153,366 at December 31, 2016 and \$4,431,176 at December 31, 2015. The loans mature at various dates through October 2045. The guaranteed debt related to the respective land and buildings committed to future grants (Note 8) have been collateralized by the respective property owned by and recorded on The Presbytery's statements of financial position. In the opinion of The Presbytery, the market value of the real estate held by the individual congregations is in excess of the balance due on the congregations' outstanding debt. Accordingly, no provision has been established to provide for losses, if any, which may be incurred in the event of future foreclosures.

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#### 10. Pension plan and benefits:

The Presbytery participates in the pension benefit plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which is administered by and funded with the Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). The plan is a multi-employer defined benefit plan covering ordained clergy of The Presbytery.

All contributions to the plan are employer contributions. The contribution is based on 11% of the eligible employees' effective salary as defined by the Board of Pensions. The Presbytery made pension contributions into the plan totaling \$19,143 in 2016 and \$17,872 in 2015, which is included in personnel expense on the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

The Presbytery also contributed \$1,740 in 2016 and \$1,625 in 2015 for death and disability coverage and \$29,697 in 2016 and \$38,666 in 2015 for medical coverage, which are included in personnel expense on the statements of activities and changes in net assets.

#### 11. Commission designated unrestricted net assets:

The Commission for Presbytery Operations has designated funds for the following purposes at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Church development fund	\$ 2,853,240	\$ 2,591,529
New church development fund	61,604	67,604
Outdoor ministries fund	39,035	56,035
Grace community fellowship fund	13,363	2,397
Congregational session endorsed mission fund	11,075	10,576
Springfest fund	6,783	7,783
Youth triennium fund	1,002	4,343
Scholarships for commissioned ruling elder class fund	560	560
	<u>\$ 2,986,662</u>	<u>\$ 2,740,827</u>

#### 12. Temporarily restricted net assets:

Temporarily restricted net assets are available for the following purposes at December 31, 2016 and 2015:

	2016	2015
Building fund	\$ 43,661	\$ 40,536
Congregational fund	17,089	15,866
Peacemaking fund	13,130	12,362
Sudan mission fund	12,384	12,384
Pastor's emergency fund	9,483	8,614
Greenfield mission fund	5,200	5,200
Westside urban ministry fund	3,980	3,344

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12. Temporarily restricted net assets (continued):

	2016	2015
Flood relief grant fund	2,800	-
Hanging rock fund	1,272	2,106
Higher education fund	714	5,841
Pahk II fund	-	15,491
Cents-ability fund	-	1,969
JFW fund	-	328
	<u>\$ 109,713</u>	<u>\$ 124,041</u>

13. Statements of cash flows:

Cash paid for interest totaled \$11,921 in 2016 and \$12,531 in 2015.

Supplemental disclosure of noncash transactions:

In 2015, assets held for sale increased \$275,000, with a corresponding decrease in property and equipment, net.

## 2. SECOND READING: Replacement Bylaws

### **BYLAWS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.)**

[Approved by the Presbytery; Dates of Approval and Revisions MM/DD/YEAR]  
[Responsible Body: The Presbytery Assembly]

These Bylaws, having been adopted by the action of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley at its stated meeting of Month Day, 2017, shall be effective on Month Day, 2017, hereby replace and supersede any and all other Bylaws of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, which has its principal offices in Columbus, Ohio.

#### **Article I.     Purpose**

Section 1.01     A Presbytery as defined by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (G-3.03) is responsible for the government of the church throughout its district, and for assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all congregations become communities of faith, hope, love and witness. As it leads and guides the witness of its congregations, the presbytery shall keep before it the marks of the Church (F-1.0302), the notes by which Presbyterian and Reformed communities have identified themselves through history (F-1.0303) and the six Great Ends of the Church (F-1.0304).

In light of this charge, the presbytery has responsibility, authority, and power to work with members and congregations to fulfill the six Great Ends of the Church.

#### **Article II.     Name**

Section 2.01     The name of this organization shall be The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (hereinafter “Presbytery”), being a council of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), within the ecclesiastical bounds of the Synod of the Covenant.

#### **Article III.     Mission**

Section 3.01     God calls us through the Holy Spirit to connect with each other to plant, grow, and nurture vital, faithful communities of Christ for service and ministry. In response, we build partnerships, communicate with and support congregations, leaders, and individuals, and embody Christ’s transforming love in the world.

#### **Article IV.     Boundary**

Section 4.01     The Presbytery includes congregations of this denomination in the following twenty-one (21) counties in Ohio: Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Marion, Madison, Meigs, Morrow, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union, and Vinton, save and except the Proctorville Rome Church in Lawrence County, which is a

congregation of the Presbytery of West Virginia, said boundaries having been approved by action of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

## **Article V.**     **Corporation**

- Section 5.01     The Presbytery is incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio as The Presbytery of Scioto Valley. This organization is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- Section 5.02     The corporation shall hold all financial, personal property, and real property assets in trust for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- Section 5.03     Except as otherwise provided by law, the Articles of Incorporation, the Code of Regulations, or the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the authority to carry out the business affairs of the Corporation shall be exercised by the Presbytery's Commission for Presbytery Operations, which performs the legal function of a Board of Directors, and is elected in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the Code of Regulations, these Bylaws, the Structural Design for Mission and Ministry, and the Manual of Operation.
- Section 5.04     The officers of the corporation shall be president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer. The positions of secretary and treasurer may be combined.
- Section 5.05     The Board of Directors shall nominate corporate officers for election at the annual meeting of the Presbytery.
- Section 5.06     Any properly constituted meeting of the Presbytery may constitute a meeting of the corporation.
- Section 5.07     The Presbytery shall delegate the functions of the Board of Directors to the Commission for Presbytery Operations (as described in the Structural Design for Mission and Ministry) which shall have the power, authority, and responsibilities of and shall perform the duties required of a Board of Directors under Ohio Nonprofit Corporation Law.

## **Article VI.**     **Procedures**

- Section 6.01     The Presbytery shall be governed by the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (hereafter "Constitution"), the laws of the State of Ohio as they pertain to the organization of religious institutions, and the Bylaws, the Code of Regulations, the Structural Design for Mission and Ministry, and the Manual of Operation of the Presbytery. The Bylaws, the Code of Regulations, the Structural Design for Mission and Ministry, and the Manual of Operation shall not supersede said Constitution. To the extent these Bylaws cannot be interpreted consistent with the Code of Regulations, including any amendments thereto, the Code of Regulations shall control the proceedings of the Presbytery.
- Section 6.02     Procedures for all meetings shall be determined by the most recent edition of *Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised*, except in cases in which the Constitution provides otherwise, and unless special procedures are adopted by the Presbytery by a majority vote of those present and voting.

The Presbytery may also make use of processes of discernment in its deliberations prior to a vote as agreed upon by the body.

- Section 6.03 The Bylaws of the Presbytery may be amended, subject to the Charter of the Corporation, the laws of the State of Ohio, the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and the Code of Regulations of the Presbytery, at any meeting of the Presbytery by a two-thirds vote of the commissioners present and voting, provided notice of such a proposed change has been given at the previous stated or special, meeting. These Bylaws may not be amended contrary to or so as to not include the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
- Section 6.04 The Structural Design for Mission and Ministry may be suspended at any stated meeting of the Presbytery for that meeting by a two-thirds vote of the commissioners present and voting.
- Section 6.05 The Manual of Operation may be amended at any stated meeting of the Presbytery by a majority vote of the commissioners present and voting, provided that notice of the proposed change has been presented in writing at a previous meeting.
- Section 6.06 The Stated Clerk shall report at the next stated meeting of the Presbytery following the effective date of the amendments to the *Book of Order* transmitted by the previous General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to all the presbyteries which received affirmative votes of a majority of the presbyteries. The Stated Clerk shall indicate whether any portion of these Bylaws has become inconsistent with the Constitution, as amended. If an inconsistency is reported, the Stated Clerk shall propose appropriate amendment to these Bylaws to insure consistency with the Constitution.
- Section 6.07 Changes related to spelling mistakes, typographical errors, incorrect grammar, or non-editorial changes to the Constitution such as section renumbering, are not considered amendments.
- Section 6.08 The Presbytery shall provide by rule for a process for reviewing the provisions of these Bylaws as needed but not less than every five years.

## **Article VII. Membership**

### **Section 7.01 Members**

Membership in the Presbytery shall be determined consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

- (a) *Teaching Elders.* Every active teaching elder enrolled in the Presbytery of Scioto Valley shall be a Continuing Member of the Presbytery guided by the criteria for membership outlined in the Constitution and Manual of Operation. It shall be the duty of each teaching elder who is an active member or a member-at-large to attend all stated meetings of the Presbytery.
- (b) *Ruling Elder Commissioners Representing Congregations.*
- (i) Presbyterian Churches (U.S.A.) congregations within the boundary of the Presbytery shall be represented by at least one (1) ruling elder commissioned by its session.
  - (ii) Congregations with membership over 500 shall be represented as follows:
    - 501-1,000 – 2 ruling elders
    - 1,001-1,500 – 3 ruling elders

1,501-2,000 – 4 ruling elders

Over 2,000 – 5 ruling elders

The Stated Clerk will report to the Presbytery at the last stated meeting of the second quarter of the calendar year the membership of congregations at the close of the previous calendar year. Congregations eligible for additional elders will be notified and be able to have the additional ruling elder commissioners to represent them at any stated or special meeting of the Presbytery. The terms of these additional ruling elder commissioners shall run from the first stated or special meeting of the third quarter of the calendar year to the last stated or special meeting of the second quarter of the following calendar year.

(c) *Ruling Elders Serving the Presbytery.*

- (i) A ruling elder elected as an officer of the Presbytery or as a member of a Permanent or Standing Ecclesiastical Commission or a Standing Committee of the Presbytery shall be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery for the duration of service in office or on the standing commission or standing committee, whether or not commissioned by his or her session.
- (ii) A ruling elder commissioned by the Presbytery to particular pastoral service shall be a member for the length of the commissioned service.
- (iii) A ruling elder who is a Certified Christian Educator according to the processes and standards of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and is serving a congregation or the Presbytery as a Christian Educator shall be member for the length of service.
- (iv) Additional ruling elders may be commissioned to the Presbytery in accordance with the Manual of Operation to sustain parity of teaching elders and ruling elders.

(d) *Corresponding Members.*

- (i) Teaching elders holding membership in other presbyteries, ministers credentialed by other denominations in correspondence with the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and ruling elders serving the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), its councils, entities, or related organizations may be seated as corresponding members by majority vote of the Presbytery. Such persons shall have voice but no vote for the duration of a meeting.
- (ii) Former moderators of the Presbytery who are ruling elders shall be enrolled as corresponding of the Presbytery with voice but no vote as long as they maintain active membership with a member congregation.

## **Article VIII. Ecclesiastical Officers**

Section 8.01 The ecclesiastical officers of the Presbytery shall be: Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer.

- a. *Moderator.* The Moderator shall perform all the duties and responsibilities of a moderator as outlined in the Constitution's "Form of Government" and such other duties and responsibilities as determined by the Manual of Operation.
- b. *Moderator-Elect.* The Moderator-Elect shall act for the Moderator upon request, or in the Moderator's place should the Moderator be unable to act. The Moderator-Elect will normally be nominated to be the next Moderator.
- c. *Immediate Past Moderator.* The most recent available Immediate Past Moderator shall act in the event that the Moderator and the Moderator-Elect are unable to act.

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- d. *Stated Clerk.* The Stated Clerk shall perform all the duties and responsibilities of a stated clerk as outlined in the Constitution's Form of Government and such other duties and responsibilities as determined by the Manual of Operation. The Stated Clerk shall be the secretary of the corporation.
- e. *Treasurer.* The Treasurer shall have custody of all funds and other valuable papers, and shall provide a monthly report of receipts and expenditures to the Stated Clerk, to the appropriate executive staff member, and the commission responsible for the financial operations as designated in the Manual of Operation. The same individual may serve as ecclesiastical treasurer and corporate treasurer.

- Section 8.02 Ecclesiastical officers of the Presbytery will be nominated by the Committee for Nominations at the last stated meeting in the third quarter of the calendar year. Nominations from the floor shall be permitted.
- (a) Officers of the Presbytery will normally be installed at the last stated meeting of the fourth quarter of the calendar year.
  - (b) Persons elected as Moderator, Moderator-Elect, and Treasurer shall be elected to serve for one (1) year and their term of begins immediately upon installation. Persons elected as Stated Clerk shall be elected to serve three (3) year terms.
  - (c) No member shall hold more than one office at a time, save and except that the positions of Stated Clerk and Treasurer may be combined and held by the same person.
  - (d) When a vacancy occurs in the office of Moderator, the Moderator-Elect will be installed at the next stated meeting of the Presbytery to serve the remainder of the term and may be nominated for a full term. When a vacancy occurs in the office of Moderator-Elect, the Committee for Nominations will bring a nomination to the next stated meeting of the Presbytery to fill the vacancy through the end of the current term.

## **Article IX. Meetings**

### **Section 9.01 Stated Meetings**

- (a) The Presbytery shall meet in stated meetings as necessary to accomplish its mission to comply with the Constitution. Such meetings will be established by action of the body as a whole.
- (b) The Coordinating Team shall have responsibility for proposing to the Presbytery the place and time for stated meetings.
- (c) The Coordinating Team, in consultation with the Presbytery's officers and staff, shall prepare the agenda for each meeting of the Presbytery.
- (d) The last stated meeting of the Presbytery held in the fourth quarter of the calendar year will be the annual meeting of the Presbytery.
- (e) Notice of stated meetings shall be sent by electronic and/or postal mail.
- (f) All meetings of the Presbytery shall be opened and closed with prayer.
- (g) All meetings of the Presbytery are open to observers, except if the Presbytery properly approves going into executive session. Observers may be invited to speak by the Moderator or by a properly approved request of the members present and voting.

### **Section 9.02 Special Meetings**

- (a) Special meetings may be called by the Moderator at the request, or with the concurrence, of two teaching elders and two (2) ruling elders, the ruling elders being of different churches. Should the Moderator be unable to act, the Stated Clerk shall, under the same conditions issue

the call for the meeting. If both the Moderator and Stated Clerk are unable to act, any three (3) teaching elders and three (3) ruling elders, the elders being from different churches, may call a special meeting.

- (b) The Synod may direct the Presbytery to convene a special meeting for the transaction of designated business.
- (c) Official notice of a special meeting shall be sent by postal mail not less than ten days in advance to each teaching elder and to the session of every church. The notice shall set out the purpose of the meeting.
- (d) No business other than that listed in the notice for a special meeting shall be transacted.

## Section 9.03 Quorum

A quorum of a meeting of the Presbytery shall be 5% of the teaching elder members serving in ministries validated of the Presbytery as provided in the Manual of Operation and an equal number of ruling elders each representing a different church of the Presbytery.

## Section 9.04 Voting

- (h) The members of the Presbytery as determined consistent with the provisions of the Constitution and these Bylaws shall be eligible to vote at all stated and special meetings of the Presbytery.
- (i) Voting by proxy is not permitted.

## Section 9.05 Minutes

The Stated Clerk shall make available the Minutes of Presbytery meetings and give notice to all members of Presbytery and clerks of sessions.

## Section 9.06 Electronic Meetings

The Presbytery, as well as all Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions and Presbytery Committees authorized by these Bylaws, may conduct meetings electronically when *Robert's Rules of Order* is applied whereby "the meetings provide, at a minimum, conditions of opportunity for simultaneous aural communication among all participating members equivalent to those of a meeting held in one room or area." (*RONR*, 11<sup>th</sup> ed., p 97, ll. 24-27)

## **Article X.** **Staff**

- Section 10.01 The Presbytery shall have the power to employ such staff and personnel as needed to fulfill its mission in accordance with the Constitution. The Manual of Operation will define the purpose of each staff position, method of nomination and election or hire, terms of position, jurisdiction of the position, and responsibilities.

## **Article XI.** **Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions and Presbytery Committees**

### Section 11.01 Election and Accountability

- a. Members of Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions shall be elected directly by the Presbytery and are accountable to Presbytery.
- b. Members of Standing Committees shall be elected directly by the Presbytery in accordance with the Constitution, the Bylaws, and the Manual of Operation.

### Section 11.02 Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions

Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions include those with duties mandated by the Constitution's *Book of Order* and other Presbytery Commissions whose duties are defined in the Manual of Operation. Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions are authorized to act on the authority of the Presbytery

The Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions of the Presbytery are as follows:

- Permanent Judicial Commission
- Commission for Congregational Life
- Commission for Church Professionals
- Commission for Nurture and Outreach
- Commission for Presbytery Operations

- a. These Commissions have oversight of the general ministry concerns of the Presbytery and may be delegated the powers of the Presbytery as allowed by the Constitution's *Book of Order*.
- b. Members of Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions will be teaching elders and ruling elders in numbers as nearly equal as possible.
- c. The quorum for a Standing Ecclesiastical Commission is a majority of the elected members.

## Section 11.03 Standing Committees

The Standing Committees of the Presbytery are:

- Coordinating Team
- Committee for Nominations
- Committee for Overtures and Amendments
- Committee for Representation

- a. The responsibilities and powers of these Standing Committees are defined in the Constitution and the Presbytery's Manual of Operation.
- b. Members of Standing Committees will be teaching elders and ruling elders in numbers as nearly equal as possible.
- c. The quorum for a Standing Committee is a majority of the elected members.

## Section 11.04 Administrative Commissions

The use of Administrative Commissions will comply with the guidelines provided in the *Book of Order* (G-3.0109b). once authorized by the Presbytery at a duly called meeting, the Moderator shall appoint ruling and teaching elders to the commission in accordance with the action of the Presbytery. The Moderator will report the names of the commission to the Stated Clerk for inclusion in the Presbytery Minutes. The final report of an administrative commission will be reported to the Presbytery for inclusion in the Presbytery Minutes.

The Moderator, on certification from the Commission for Church Professionals that a teaching elder may be ordained and/or installed to a pastoral position or that a ruling elder has been approved to be commissioned to particular pastoral service, will consult with the teaching or ruling elder and appoint teaching and ruling elders as provided for in the Manual of Operation to an administrative commission to perform the rite on behalf of the Presbytery. The minutes of the commission will be delivered to the Stated Clerk for inclusion in the Presbytery Minutes.

## Section 11.05 Investigating Committees

The Moderator of the Presbytery may appoint an Investigating Committee between stated meetings of the Presbytery as authorized by the *Book of Order* D-10.0201b upon receipt of the

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Stated Clerk of a written statement of an offense as defined in *Book of Order* D-10.0101 and D-10.0102. If the Moderator disqualifies her/himself in a particular case, the Moderator may delegate the Moderator-Elect the authority to appoint an Investigating Committee. In making the appointment the Moderator or Moderator-Elect shall consult with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery or their designees. The appointment of Investigating Committees shall be reported as information to the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Section 11.06 Committees of Counsel

In the event the Presbytery becomes a complainant or respondent in a remedial case (*Book of Order* D-6.0302), the Moderator of the Presbytery may appoint a Committee of Counsel between stated meetings of the Presbytery as authorized by *Book of Order* D-6.0302a. If the Moderator disqualifies her/himself in a particular case, the Moderator may delegate the Moderator-Elect the authority to appoint a Committee of Counsel. In making the appointment the Moderator or Moderator-Elect shall consult with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery or their designees. The receipt of the remedial complaint and the appointment of a Committee of Counsel shall be reported as information to the next stated meeting of the Presbytery.

Section 11.07 Other Commissions and Committees

- a. The Presbytery may provide through the Manual of Operation for the creation and composition of other commissions and standing and special committees as needed.
- b. The Manual of Operation will provide the means for the Standing Ecclesiastical Commissions and Standing Committees to form sub-committees, special committees, and task teams as needed to carry out the mission of the Presbytery.

## 3. 2018 Operating Fund Budget

### Presbytery of Scioto Valley - Columbus OH 2018 for Operating Fund Draft Budget - September 11, 2017

Account #	Account Name	YTD 8/31/17	2017 Budget	2018 Draft 1
<b>Income</b>				
4.1.0005	Basic Mission - Presbytery	87,630.89	150,000.00	143,000
4.1.0007	Basic Mission - Directed Givin	0.00		0
4.1.0010	Per Capita - Presbytery	194,986.40	291,667.00	287,000
4.1.0011	Per Capita - GA	65,737.44	99,714.00	99,700
4.1.0012	Per Capita - Synod	28,394.00	43,229.00	41,900
4.1.0014	Recaptured Per Capita from Separated Churches	0.00	18,784.00	0
4.1.0015	Basic Mission - Presby. Women	1,407.18	3,000.00	3,000
<b>Total Per Capita and Mission Income</b>		<b>\$265,775.25</b>	<b>\$606,394.00</b>	<b>\$ 574,600</b>
<b>Nurture and Outreach Activity Income</b>				
4.1.0043	Nurture and Outreach Event Fees	665.00	0.00	600
4.1.0044	PIE Event Income	859.94	1,200.00	1,000
4.1.0045	Youth Winter Retreat Income	10,860.00	9,000.00	10,000
4.1.0046	Youth Fall Rally Income	0.00	0.00	1,500
4.1.0048	Older Adult Ministry Income	357.00	1,000.00	700
4.1.0052	Youth Triennium Income-Operating	0.00	0.00	0
4.1.0060	Mission Work Trip Income	5,756.00	8,000.00	9,000
4.1.0062	Print & Media Resources Inc	3,813.00	3,600.00	4,000
4.9.0044	PIE Event Transfers	0.00	1,000.00	1,000
4.9.0045	Youth Winter Retreat Transfers	0.00	12,000.00	10,000
4.9.0046	Youth Fall Rally Transfers	0.00	0.00	500
4.9.0048	Older Adult Ministry Transfers	0.00	0.00	0
4.9.0052	Youth Triennium Fund Transfers	0.00	0.00	0
4.9.0060	Cong Endorsed Mission Fund Transfer	0.00	14,000.00	0
<b>Total Nurture and Outreach Activity Income</b>		<b>\$22,310.94</b>	<b>\$49,800.00</b>	<b>\$ 38,300</b>
<b>Congregational Life</b>				
4.1.0056	PCUSA New Worshipping Comm. Grant	0.00		0
4.9.0057	New Church Development Transfers	0.00	36,000.00	31,000
	Marion Lee Street Funding	6,000.00		12,000
<b>Total Congregational Life</b>		<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>\$36,000.00</b>	<b>\$ 43,000</b>
<b>Church Professional Income</b>				
4.1.0042	Church Professionals Event Fees	0.00	8,000	7,500
4.1.0053	Healthy Boundaries Event Fees	0.00	400	400
4.1.0054	CRE Training Fees	0.00	1,000	1,000
<b>Total Church Professional Income</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ 9,400.00</b>	<b>\$ 8,900</b>

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# *Miscellaneous Income*

4.1.0025	Church Development Investment Alloc	0.00		0
4.1.0027	Interest Revenue - Checking	361.25	650.00	400
4.1.0030	Operating A/R Interest Revenue	0.00		0
4.1.0035	Misc Revenue	75.00	500.00	500
4.1.0037	Rental Income	6,546.33	11,000.00	11,000
4.1.0039	Donated Exp Revenue	399.58	500.00	500
4.1.0062	Print & Media Resources Inc	3,813.00	3,600.00	0
4.1.0098	Net Cash to Accrual Income	0.00		0
4.1.0099	Transfers from Reserves	0.00	20,667.00	0
4.9.0062	Print & Media Resources Transfers	0.00		0
<b>Total Miscellaneous Income</b>		<b>\$11,195.16</b>	<b>\$36,917.00</b>	<b>\$ 12,400</b>

**TOTAL INCOME**    **\$ 413,849.01**    **\$ 735,911.00**    **\$ 677,200**

# *Expenses*

## *Commission for Nurture and Outreach*

5.1.1002	Pres Sponsored Mission Trip	0.00		0
5.1.1004	Session Endorsed Mission Grant	7,300.00	10,000.00	15,000
5.1.1006	Global Mission Projects	0.00		0
<b>Total Mission Outreach</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>15,000</b>
5.1.2005	CN Events/Resources	1,046.93		1,000
5.1.2007	PIE Event Expense	1,207.01	2,200.00	1,100
5.1.2008	Youth Winter Retreats	19,593.96	20,000.00	16,000
5.1.2009	Youth Fall Rally	0.00		1,800
5.1.2011	Mission Work Trip Expenses	0.00	9,000.00	9,000
5.1.2020	Older Adult Ministry	968.88	1,000.00	2,500
<b>Total CE Events</b>		<b>\$22,816.78</b>	<b>\$32,200.00</b>	<b>31,400</b>
5.1.1500	Commission for Nurture and Outreach Meeting	0.00	1,000.00	1,000
<b>Total CNO Meeting</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$1,000.00</b>	<b>1,000</b>
5.1.2202	Youth Triennium Accrual Exp	1,169.00	2,000.00	2,000
<b>Total Youth Triennium</b>		<b>\$1,169.00</b>	<b>\$2,000.00</b>	<b>2,000</b>
5.1.3015	Print & Media Resources Exp	4,595.31	10,000.00	8,000
<b>Total Resource Center</b>		<b>\$4,595.31</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>	<b>8,000</b>
5.1.4005	Campus Ministry	0.00	5,000.00	10,000
<b>Total Campus Ministry</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>10,000</b>
<b>Total Commission for Nurture and Outreach</b>		<b>\$28,581.09</b>	<b>\$60,200.00</b>	<b>\$ 67,400</b>
Amount of PSV per capita and mission		<b>\$ 6,270.15</b>	<b>\$ 10,400.00</b>	<b>29,100</b>

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**Commission for Congregational Life**

5.1.4200	CCL Committee/Visitation Expenses	138.41	1,500.00	1,000
	<b>Total CCL Miscellaneous Committee Expenses</b>	<b>\$138.41</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>1,000</b>
5.1.4700	New Beginnings	0.00		0
5.1.4702	Demographic Studies	4,198.00	6,000.00	6,000
5.1.4704	Special Transition Support/Consultants	0.00		0
	<b>Total Transition</b>	<b>\$4,198.00</b>	<b>\$6,000.00</b>	<b>6,000</b>
5.1.4500	New Worshipping Communities	600.00	30,000.00	25,000
	Marion Lee Street Support	2,000.00		12,000
	<b>Total New Church Development</b>	<b>\$2,600.00</b>	<b>\$30,000.00</b>	<b>37,000</b>
5.1.4900	MAST/Consultants	0.00	0.00	0
5.1.4902	Training/Workshops	0.00	0.00	1,000
5.1.4904	Congregational Support	70.25	5000.00	
	<b>Total Church Health</b>	<b>\$70.25</b>	<b>\$5,000.00</b>	<b>1,000</b>
	<b>Total Commission for Congregational Life</b>	<b>\$7,006.66</b>	<b>\$42,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 45,000.00</b>
	Amount of PSV per capita and mission	<b>\$1,006.66</b>	<b>\$6,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 2,000</b>

**Commission for Church Professionals**

5.1.5002	Church Professionals Meeting	329.82	1,000	600
5.1.5202	Inquirer/Candidates	2,225.00	18,000	15,500
5.1.5204	Commissioned Ruling Elders	0.00	5,000	3,500
5.1.5404	Church Professionals Retreat	0.00	10,000	14,500
5.1.5602	COM - Background Checks	640.00	2,000	1,500
5.1.5802	Health Boundaries Training	1,640.84	4,000	4,000
5.1.5806	Pastoral Support	2,694.00	8,000	6,000
	<b>Total Commission for Church Professionals</b>	<b>\$7,529.66</b>	<b>\$48,000</b>	<b>\$ 45,600</b>
	Amount of PSV per capita and mission	<b>\$ 523.00</b>	<b>\$ 5,500</b>	<b>600</b>

**Coordinating Team**

5.1.6001	Moderator Meeting Expenses	1,585.28	2,000.00	2,000
5.1.6002	Bills & Overtures Meeting Exp	0.00	200.00	200
5.1.6003	Representation Committee Mtg	0.00	200.00	200
5.1.6004	Judicial Process Mtg Exp	0.00	1,000.00	1,000
5.1.6005	Administrative Commissions Exp	0.00	1,000.00	1,000
5.1.6006	Nominating Mtg Exp	157.45	300.00	300
5.1.6007	GA Travel	0.00		2,000
5.1.6008	Presbytery Meeting Expenses	7,034.80	6,000.00	6,000
5.1.6010	CT Meeting Expense	607.06	1,200.00	1,200
	<b>Total Coordinating Team</b>	<b>\$9,384.59</b>	<b>\$11,900.00</b>	<b>\$ 13,900</b>

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5.1.7701	Salary - Exec Presbyter	29162.72	43,744.00	43,744
5.1.7702	Salary - Stated Clerk	27100.64	40,651.00	19,000
5.1.7703	Salary - Administrative Asst	32548	48,822.00	48,822
5.1.7704	Salary - Financial Asst	16082.73	24,000.00	20,800
5.1.7705	Salary - Treasurer	0	0	6,000
	Increase to Staff Salaries	0	0	3,347
5.1.7706	Deferred Compensation	400	600.00	600
5.1.7707	Housing - Exec Presbyter	23,333.28	35,000.00	35,000

<b>Total Staff Salaries</b>	<b>\$129,127.37</b>	<b>\$192,817.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>177,313</b>
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5.1.7732	Travel - Stated Clerk	453.07	4,000.00	3,000
5.1.7733	Travel - Treasurer	0	0	2,000
5.1.7734	Travel - Exec Presbyter	6590.28	12,000.00	12,000
5.1.7736	Travel - PYO Staff	0	500.00	500

<b>Total Staff Travel</b>	<b>\$7,043.35</b>	<b>\$16,500.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>17,500</b>
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5.1.7711	BOP - Exec Presbyter	13514.32	28,742.00	29,718
5.1.7712	BOP - Stated Clerk	9891.76	14,834.00	0
5.1.7713	BOP - Administrative Asst	13674.96	22,204.00	24,913
5.1.7714	BOP - Financial Assistant	0	0	0
5.1.7715	Med. Reimb. - Exec Presbyter	675.66	1,575.00	1,606
5.1.7716	Med. Reimb. - Stated Clerk	0	0	0
5.1.7717	Med. Reimb. Administrative Asst	793.29	976.00	1,008
5.1.7718	Med. Reimb. - Financial Assistant	0	0	0

<b>Total Employee Benefits</b>	<b>\$ 38,549.99</b>	<b>\$ 68,331.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>57,245</b>
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5.1.7742	Cont Ed. - Staff Training	0	500	500
5.1.7744	Cont Ed. - Exec Presbyter	0	2,000	2,000
5.1.7746	Cont Ed. - Stated Clerk	0	1,000	800
5.1.7747	Cont Ed. - Treasurer	0	0.00	500

<b>Total Continuing Education</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$3,500.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>3,800</b>
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5.1.7720	Staff Services Contingency	639.14	1,500.00	1,500
5.1.7721	Payroll Processing Expense	1373.67	1,900.00	2,100
5.1.7722	FICA Expense	5862.27	8,400.00	7,429
5.1.7724	SECA	4016	6,024.00	6,144
5.1.7729	BWC Insurance Expense	197.05	700.00	872

<b>Total Associated Payroll Costs</b>	<b>\$12,088.13</b>	<b>\$18,524.00</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>18,045</b>
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5.1.7804	Rent	35700	30,000.00	30,000
5.1.7806	Presbytery Insurance	3014.94	4,100.00	5,000
5.1.7808	Website Management	17347.49	7,000.00	1,000
5.1.7810	Equipment Purchases	705.34	3,000.00	2,000
5.1.7812	Computer Support	2401.95	4,000.00	2,500
5.1.7814	Copier Maint.	2284.72	2,400.00	4,800
5.1.7815	Dues and Subscriptions	214.39	500	500
5.1.7816	Miscellaneous	50	500	500
5.1.7818	Office Supplies	3774.52	6,600.00	6,500
5.1.7820	Phone	4540.18	7,000.00	7,000
5.1.7822	Postage	1925.26	3,000.00	3,000
5.1.7824	Presbytery Depreciation	1,750.00	2,500.00	2,800
5.1.7826	Profit/Loss on Asset	0	0	0
<b>Total Office Operations</b>		<b>\$ 73,708.79</b>	<b>\$70,600.00</b>	<b>\$ 65,600</b>
5.1.6009	GA Per Capita	65,737.44	128,137.00	124,662
5.1.6011	Synod Per Capita	28,394.00	55,702.00	52,413
5.1.8004	Audit	8,850.00	9,000.00	9,000
5.1.8005	Legal Expenses	0	2,500.00	2,500
5.1.8006	CPO Meeting	1,052.88	1,200.00	1,200
<b>Total Corporation Expenses</b>		<b>\$104,034.32</b>	<b>\$196,539.00</b>	<b>\$ 189,775</b>
5.1.8502	Presbytery Newsletter	372.11	1,500.00	1,000
<b>Total Communications</b>		<b>\$372.11</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>	<b>\$ 1,000</b>
5.1.9005	Presbytery Staff Search	0	0	0
<b>Total Non-Recurring Expenses</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$ -</b>
<b>Total Commission for Presbytery Operations</b>		<b>\$364,924.06</b>	<b>\$568,311.00</b>	<b>\$530,278</b>
Amount of PSV per capita and mission		<b>\$ 364,924.06</b>	<b>\$ 568,311.00</b>	<b>\$530,278</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSE</b>		<b>\$417,426.06</b>	<b>\$730,911.00</b>	<b>\$702,178</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE</b>		<b>\$ (3,577.05)</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ (24,978)</b>

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## Committee for Presbytery Nominations

Committee Members		Church	Class	Task Group
William Acklin	RE	Granville First	2018	
Robert J. Armstrong	TE	Honorably Retired	2018	
Acheampong Boamah	RE	Columbus Ramseyer	2016	
Don Hilkerbaumer	TE	Delaware Old Stone	2017	
Carla Mavis, Chair	RE	Circleville	2018	
Pam Patterson	CRE	Columbus Christ	2019	
Charlsie Ramsey	TE	Honorably Retired	2017	
Kristin Schutte	TE	Honorably Retired	2019	
Betty Lou Stull	RE	Columbus Broad Street	2017	
Rebecca Tollefson	TE	Validated Ministry	2019	
Presbytery Staff				
Rev. Jeannie Harsh, Transitional Executive Presbyter				
Rev. Rick Hays, Transitional Stated Clerk				

The Committee nominates the following:

1. To fill the unexpired term, 2019, as Stated Clerk, teaching elder Sally Robinson.

### INTRODUCTION TO THE REV. SALLY ROBINSON



I am Sally Robinson, a retired minister member of Scioto Valley Presbytery. I have been an ordained minister for 32 years, and served most of my ministry in the Shenandoah Valley of Virginia, with the last 22 years of that time as a professional interim in 19 different churches (one was an 8-church parish). I transferred here in April 2016.

I was born and brought up in Columbus, graduated from Northwestern University, and spent 13 years in advertising before attending seminary. I was a member of Overbrook Church in Columbus, and came under care of Scioto Valley Presbytery in January 1983. I spent a year with the Lutherans at Trinity Seminary in Columbus, then graduated from Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary in 1985. Retirement has brought me full circle.

I was reared in a home where church was not just important – it was mandatory. My mother's family were charter members of Maple Grove Methodist, but one set of grandparents were Roman Catholic and the others were Episcopalian. I began attending the Presbyterian Church in college, and became a member of 4<sup>th</sup> Pres in Chicago after graduation. It was the form of government and the *Book of Confessions* that drew me in. My faith and my church

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family have been mainstays for me for a lifetime in joy and in sorrow, in sickness and in health, in serenity and in stress.

When I was ordained by Shenandoah Presbytery, becoming an active presbyter was important, and thank goodness the local congregations I have served agreed. Over the years I served two terms on presbytery council and chaired it for one year. I served two terms on COM, five years of which I was chair of the Ministerial Relations Committee, working mainly with churches in conflict. I served on two administrative commissions, one General Presbyter Search Committee, the Office and Personnel Committee, and the Nominating Committee. It was my joy to attend three General Assemblies – 1984 in Phoenix as the TSAD from this presbytery, 2002 here in Columbus as an observer and to attend the Presbytery Moderator training, and 2012 in Pittsburgh as a Teaching Elder Commissioner.

God has called me to amazing places to do amazing things with a wide variety of very amazing people over the years. I have been blessed beyond measure to serve the church in so many ways. I can also testify that God does not call the servants to dig basements, but is with us day by day, even in times when the church and I have not always been in agreement.

I look forward to what is next, both for me and the church. Our world, our nation, our communities are in crisis. The church has always had to face the issues of the world, and today and tomorrow are no different. We must be able to preach and teach, witness and do Christ's mission amidst all that prevails in this life. Thanks be to God for job of equipping the saints that has been entrusted to us as congregations and as a presbytery.

## Administrative Commission for the Merger of the Columbus Fairmoor and Shady Lane Churches

A duly called meeting of the congregation of Shady Lane Presbyterian Church was held on Sunday, July 30, immediately following worship. The purpose of the meeting was to vote on a motion that read: **The congregation of Shady Lane Presbyterian Church seeks action by the Presbytery of Scioto Valley to dissolve the Shady Lane Presbyterian Church, upon completion of all the necessary steps to satisfy the requirements of both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and the State of Ohio.**

After the meeting was opened with prayer and the clerk declared the presence of a quorum, this motion was made and seconded by members of Shady Lane. Following a brief presentation on the journey of the two congregations involved in the Covenant Parish (Shady Lane and Fairmoor) and the opportunity for questions, the vote was taken, resulting in a unanimous request for Presbytery action. The meeting was then closed with prayer.

Therefore, the Covenant Parish Administrative Commission writes today to ask for Presbytery approval at their meeting of September 19, 2017 **for the dissolution of the Shady Lane Church and the renaming of the Fairmoor Church as the Covenant Parish of Fairmoor and Shady Lane.** All current members of the Shady Lane congregation will transfer their membership to the newly named congregation effective upon the action of the Presbytery. These transfers and receiving of members from the dissolved congregation to the newly named congregation have already been approved by the current respective sessions.

Both church buildings have been appraised and are up for sale, as the newly formed Covenant Parish seeks to see where God will be leading them through the current use of both facilities and the eventual sale of one or both buildings.

All session records and roll books of the dissolved Shady Lane church will be collected for permanent submission to the Historical Society of the PCUSA. Additionally, with the renaming of the “new” congregation, new session record and roll books will be acquired, and at the appropriate time the formal records of the Fairmoor Church will also be deposited with the Historical Society.

The finances of both congregations have been reviewed and have been found to be in order. As a best practice, the commission has recommended that neither of the two current congregation financial secretaries/treasurers serve in that role in the newly formed, merged group. Finding a new person to serve as fiscal agent, possibly by partnering with another congregation that has someone with capacity to take on this role or even contracting with a professional firm to provide operational services are two options that may be considered in order to address this recommendation. The commission felt that by introducing a new system, the current fiscal volunteers can see their tasks through to the end of both current congregations, and the new entity might be better served. Since the journey of the two congregations to this point has been so positively received, keeping the forward momentum going with clear financial understanding, policies, and practices, will help to assure continued success.

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The Parish Council has been meeting on a regular basis to develop bylaws and an operating manual for the new worshipping community that is to be the Covenant Parish of Fairmoor and Shady Lane. The intent of the two current sessions is to merge members of both bodies into a single organizing body. At the time of dissolution of Shady Lane, the new session will elect a single Clerk of Session to provide leadership to the newly formed congregation. The new bylaws will reflect the orderly transition of elected and installed elders over a three-year period.

Should the Presbytery approve of the request for dissolution and renaming, the Administrative Commission will have concluded its original call to assist with the merger of the congregations. However the path ahead still contains many variables and a wide variety of options depending on sequencing. Therefore, the commission asks to be “suspended” at this time and not dissolved for a period of 18 months, so that should the Session require additional assistance, the Commission stands ready to reconvene to provide support to this newest, re-formed ministry in the Presbytery as their journey into the future continues.

Finally, at a date sometime in the future when appropriate, the commission requests that the Presbytery hold a “re-birth” worship service, giving thanks for the heritage of both Shady Lane and Fairmoor and celebrating the launch of the new worshipping community, the Covenant Parish of Fairmoor and Shady Lane.

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## Communication from the General Assembly

*In accordance with the action taken at the 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and upon the instruction of the Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, the Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, II, the assembly's action on the Affirmation of Creation is being distributed electronically to all presbyteries and synods of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Further, we ask presbyteries to forward this action to sessions so that all councils of the church, per action of the assembly, can use it for their study, reflection, and, where possible, their approval.*

### Affirmation of Creation

From early in its life the Christian church has affirmed metaphorically that God is the author of two books of revelation: the Book of Scripture (the Old and New Testaments) and the Book of Nature. Because God is the author of both and God neither deceives nor is incoherent, these books cannot in principle be in conflict even though they are expressed through fallible creatures.

However, over the centuries some Christians have sought to deny observations of Nature by reference to Scripture. In the 5th century CE Augustine warned that claims about Nature, contrary to human reason and experience but supposedly derived from Scripture, should be avoided, lest they make Christians seem ignorant and the objects of scornful laughter. Yet we recognize that God has called forth in Homo sapiens an exploratory curiosity and a critical intellect. A fruit of these gifts is our capacity for scientific inquiry.

The results of this inquiry are provisional because they are open to new discoveries and revision. Yet these results are also highly reliable because the Creation itself, through observation and experimentation, attests to them. Scientific inquiry to date has provided descriptions and ever more profound understandings of the scope of God's creation in space and time, of the myriad of creatures that inhabit and have inhabited this Earth, and of the means by which the Creation itself has shared in the work of creation.

In light of these discoveries, today with confidence we can affirm:

- That God has been calling this universe into being for at least 13.8 billion years and continues calling upon the Creation to bring forth new creatures;
- That God's creative call has resulted in virtually countless stars and planetary systems, and new stars and planetary systems are continuing to be created;
- That, in response to God's creative call, the Earth took form at least 4.6 billion years ago;
- That, in response to God's call, living creatures emerged on the Earth at least 3.6 billion years ago;
- That God has connected all life on Earth in a network of kinship by virtue of [~~deseent with modification~~] [biological evolution] from common ancestors;
- That, in response to God's call, we Homo sapiens [(modern humans)] emerged[,in our wide diversity and different cultures,] as a species over more than 6 million years of hominin development;
- That, since our line of descent split from the line that resulted in our contemporaries, the chimpanzees and bonobos, we Homo sapiens were preceded by at least eighteen already identified hominin species, all of which are now extinct;\*

- That, in the providence of God, we *Homo sapiens* have come to exercise extraordinary power over other creatures and their habitats, the Earth's geological structures, and the meteorological systems of the Earth;
- That, by virtue of the powers of intellect and creativity called forth in us by God, we bear exceptional responsibility for the future of the Earth and all its constitutive creatures.

This affirmation provides a framework in which we are called to worship God, are called to proclaim the Gospel of Grace, and are called to live as faithful expressions of God's love for the whole Creation.

\*The eighteen identified species are: *Sahelanthropus tchadensis*, *Orrorin tugenensis*, *Ardipithecus kadabba*, *Ardipithecus ramidus*, *Australopithecus anamensis*, *Australopithecus afarensis*, *Australopithecus garhi*, *Australopithecus sediba*, *Australopithecus africanus*, *Paranthropus aethiopicus*, *Paranthropus boisei*, *Paranthropus robustus*, *Homo habilis*, *Homo rudolfensis*, *Homo erectus*, *Homo heidelbergensis*, *Homo neanderthalensis*, *Homo floresiensis*. See <<http://humanorigins.si.edu/evidence/human-evolution-timeline-interactive>>.

### *Rationale*

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
and the firmament proclaims [God's]  
handiwork.

Day to day pours forth speech, and  
night to night declares  
knowledge.

There is no speech, nor are there  
words; their voice is not heard;  
yet their voice goes out through all the earth,  
and their words to the end of the world.  
(Ps. 19:1–4)

With these words the Psalmist declares that the Creation gives witness to its Creator. This theological sense of nature spurred Christians to study nature as a way of honoring God.

At the beginning of the western scientific revolution in the 16th century Nicolas Copernicus captured this sense when he wrote,

To know the mighty works of God, comprehend His wisdom and majesty and power, to appreciate in degree the wonderful working of His laws, surely all this must be a pleasing and acceptable mode of worship to the Most High to whom ignorance cannot be more grateful than knowledge.<sup>1</sup>

In the 20th century Albert Einstein expressed the mutuality between inquiries about nature and religious life when he wrote: "Science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind."<sup>2</sup>

This is not to say that religion is obligated to tie its theological cart irrevocably to any particular scientific horse. As Presbyterian teaching elder, ethicist, and philosopher Holmes Rolston III notes, "The religion that is married to science today will be a widow tomorrow."<sup>3</sup> Yet he goes on to add this caution, "But the religion that is divorced from science today will leave no offspring tomorrow."<sup>4</sup>

Evidence for this latter effect can be found in the results of the 2011 Barna Group Study that reported that among the reasons given by teens and young adults for their disassociation from churches were that “churches are out of step with the scientific world we live in” (29 percent) and “Christianity is anti-science” (25 percent).<sup>5</sup>

Yet the idea is not new that a Christian faith, uninformed by a credible understanding of nature, is compromised in its ability to faithfully proclaim the Gospel. Augustine of Hippo perhaps most eloquently expressed this concern in the 5th century when he wrote,

Often a non-Christian knows something about the earth, the heavens, and the other parts of the world, about the motions and orbits of the stars and even their sizes and distances, ... and this knowledge he holds with certainty from reason and experience. It is thus offensive and disgraceful for an unbeliever to hear a Christian talk nonsense about such things, claiming that what he is saying is based in Scripture. We should do all that we can to avoid such an embarrassing situation, [which people] see [as] ignorance in the Christian and laugh to scorn....<sup>6</sup>

All Christians affirm that God is Creator. Many, perhaps most Presbyterians, value science as a means to gain appreciation of God’s creation. Scientific inquiry also makes possible insights into nature that enable more effective service to God through service to neighbor. Yet these same scientific discoveries also challenge traditional ways of thinking about God, God’s creation, and God’s creative activity. In 1947 the Jesuit paleontologist Pierre Teilhard de Chardin described this challenge.

When we speak of a ‘theology of modern science,’ it obviously does not mean that by itself science can determine an image of God and a religion. But what it does mean, if I am not mistaken, is that, given a certain development of science, certain representations of God and certain forms of worship are ruled out, as *not being homogeneous* with the dimensions of the universe known to our experience. [Emphasis in the original.]<sup>7</sup>

He went on to expand on the importance of homogeneity for the relationship of science and the Christian faith.

This notion of homogeneity is without doubt of central importance in intellectual, moral and mystical life. Even though the various stages of our interior life cannot be expressed strictly in terms of one another, on the other hand they must agree in scale, in nature and tonality. Otherwise it would be impossible to develop a true spiritual unity in ourselves – and that is perhaps the most legitimate, the most imperative and most definitive of the demands made by man of today and man of tomorrow.<sup>8</sup>

Yet the Christian churches, and specifically Presbyterians, virtually never publicly acknowledge the significance of even the most basic discoveries that humanity has made through science about the history, structure, and processes of creation for Christian faith and life, and often speak theologically as though they lived in a pre-Copernican cosmos.

Over the past 500 years humankind has gained more depth and breadth of understanding of creation than in all the preceding millennia of human history. Even within those five centuries there have been several revolutions in our understanding of creation. Though the findings of the sciences do not determine the Gospel message, as Augustine noted they do influence how that message can be credibly declared and persuasively received. The first task of an effective contemporary evangelism must begin with an assent to the Creation that God has indeed been calling and is calling into existence. It is for this purpose that the affirmation above has been developed.

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Because of our biblical understanding of who God is and what God intends for humanity, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) must stand against, speak against and work against racism. In the **wake of recent events in Charlottesville, Virginia, the PC(USA)'s ongoing Facing Racism** campaign offers tools to help assist Mid Councils in their work against racism. The campaign shares a wealth of free antiracism resources with the greater Church at [FacingRacism.org](http://FacingRacism.org), which features recent statements by the Church on Charlottesville, plus studies, books, training sessions and other events.

May God bless your witness as you share these antiracism resources on your website, in e-newsletters and on social media, and as you help equip Presbyterians to engage in addressing racism. Thank you for joining together in the efforts of the Church to become the community of faith God calls us to be.

Yours in Christ,

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