

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Stated Clerk HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 246TH STATED MEETING
First Presbyterian Church, Chillicothe, Ohio, February 20, 2018

PRE-PRESBYTERY EVENTS

Board of Pensions on Retirement – 6
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Security and Safety for Church Gatherings – 12
Bills and Overtures Committee Overture on Religious Freedom – 7

PRESBYTERY MEETING

Opened with prayer by Moderator Charlsie Ramsey at 3:30 p.m.
Declaration of a quorum, adoption of meeting agenda with edits.
Greetings from host pastor Rev. Dr. Jason Link.

Worship with Service of the Lord's Supper. Sermon based on Philippians 4:4-9 presented by the Rev. Doug Portz, Senior Church Consultant for the Board of Pensions, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).
Offering for One Great Hour of Sharing with presentation on Presbyterian Disaster Assistance presented by Elders Dave and Eloise Lewis.

Staff Reports – Rev. Dr. Jeannie Harsh, Rev. Sally Robinson

Consent Agenda approved with amendments:

Dagmar Romage elected Enrollment Clerk for 2018.

Rev. Doug Browne elected Journal Clerk for 2018.

New Investigating Committee elected: Ruling Elders: Jim Bailey, Boulevard; Jim Hamilton, Covenant
Teaching Elders: Susan Warrenner Smith, Honorably Retired, Betsy Maurath, Member-at-Large.

Rev. Doug Portz brought greetings from the Board of Pensions.

James Rissler, President of Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program (PILP) Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and Elder Joyce Smith brought return on investment checks to Columbus Highlands Church, Johnstown, Lancaster First, Gahanna Mifflin Church, and Columbus Ramseyer Church.

Approved the Overture on Religious Freedom brought by the Session of Columbus Broad Street.

Celebrated honorable retirement of Rev. Robert Coberly.

Memorial Moment for Rev. Dr. Chuck Stenner given by Rev. Alice Philips, Plain City Church.

First reading of Leaves for Called Ministers Policy.

Examination for Ordination – Adam Anderson to Old Stone Church – examination approved.

Prayer for Desiree Youngblood as she goes to GMIM General Assembly in Indonesia as advisory delegate.

Approved Second Reading of Church Development Fund Policy.

Received First Reading of Gracious Separation Agreement revisions.

Approved Second Reading of Ministry Initiatives Program.

Heard from the Nominating Committee that with three additions approved at this meeting, all Commissions and Committees are staffed.

Approved the final report of the Administrative Commission for the Marion Forest Lawn Church and dismissed the Commission with our thanks.

Meeting was adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 6:30 p.m.