**SCIOTO VALLEY PRESBYTERY**

**HIGHLIGHTS OF THE 250TH STATED MEETING, February 19, 2019**

**Worthington Presbyterian Church**

Opened with prayer by Moderator Rev. Rebecca Tollefson at 3:30 p.m.

Declaration of a quorum, adoption of meeting agenda with edits.

Greetings from host pastor Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont.

Staff reports

Worship included a sermon by Ellen Sherby, Coordinator for Equipping for Mission Involvement, Presbyterian World Mission, PC(USA), based on 1 Peter 4:8-10 and Mark 12:28-34. An offering was taken for the One Great Hour of Sharing, and a Moment for Mission presented by Cathi Steele, Operations Manager of the Mid-Ohio Workers Association. The Lord’s Supper was celebrated by Rev. Wayne Morrison.

Dagmar Romage was re-elected Enrollment Clerk for another year.

Rev. Douglas Browne was re-elected Journal Clerk for another year.

James G. Rissler, President of the PC(USA) Investment and Loan Program, spoke about the work of the program, and presented interest return checks to the First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster, Highlands Presbyterian Church, Columbus, the Presbyterian Church of Johnstown, Mifflin Presbyterian Church, Gahanna, and Ramseyer Presbyterian Church, Columbus.

The Presbytery voted by ballot on the following proposed amendments to the Constitution from the 223rd General Assembly:

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| Reference | Amendment | Yes’ | No’s |
| 18-A | Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons | 86 | - |
| 18-B.1 | and | 86 | 14 |
| 18-B.2 | Renunciation of Jurisdiction | 86 | 11 |
| 18-C | Officers | 6 | 107 |
| 18-D | Membership of Presbytery | 86 | - |
| 18-E | Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor to Its Pastors and Congregations | 86 | - |
| 18-F | Welcoming to the Table | 86 | 1 |
| 18-G | Disciplinary Offense | 86 | 9 |
| 18-H.1 | and | 86 | 3 |
| 8-H.2 | Time Limit. | 86 | 2 |

Dismissed the New Albany Commission at their request with our thanks, as their work is completed.

The following Commissions reported:

Commission for Nurture and Outreach

* Mission Grant to the Harrisonville Church for the Blessing Box
* Approved $200 scholarships for Youth Triennium
* Began Global Mission Network at this meeting
* Over 120 youth to attend Youth Rally February 23-25
* Synod Presbyterian Women summer gathering at Covenant Church

Commission for Presbytery Operations

* Announced property sales on behalf of Presbytery
* Presented the year-end financial report and per capita for 2018
* Presbytery elected Rev. Roger Au as treasurer for 2019

Commission for Church Professionals

* Received Rev Ross Slaughter from Maumee Valley Presbytery to be the installed Minister of Word and Sacrament at the First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, beginning February 25.
* Received Rev. Neil Mac Queen from the Presbytery of Tampa Bay to validated ministry.
* Dismissed Rev. Tracy Keenan to New Castle Presbytery, where she will be the Missional Presbyter, with recognition for her work here.
* Announced the next Fireside Chat will be at the Rusty Bucket, Clintonville, on March 12.

Commission for Congregational Life

* Presbytery approved a Moderator’s Administrative Commission to respond to the request of the Greenfield-Pisgah-Mt. Pleasant Church for a “possible disassociation with the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.”

Presbytery elected Rev. Charlsie Ramsey, Elder Richard Glass and Elder Juliana Boamah-Acheampong as members of the Nominating Committee, presented by the Coordinating Team.