



**“Inspire, strengthen, and challenge congregations for  
Christ’s Mission”**

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) 255th Stated Meeting  
Tuesday, September 15, 2020, 4:00 p.m.  
Via Zoom

**SUPPLEMENTAL PAPERS**

1. Supplemental Report from Commission for Presbytery Operations regarding Presbytery Audit
2. Edward Lewis Biography and Statement of Faith
3. Liturgy for the Retirement of Preston Shealy
4. Information report from Commission for Congregational Life

**PRESBYTERY of SCIOTO VALLEY**  
**COMMISSION FOR PRESBYTERY OPERATIONS**  
REPORT TO THE PRESBYTERY ON CPO ACTIVITIES  
September 15, 2020

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**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, 2019 and 2018, 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.

*HW&Co.*

Columbus, Ohio  
August 17, 2020

- The full audit report is available for your review. Please contact Jim Hines, CPO Chair; John Wyckoff, Financial Assistant or Dagmar Romage, Administrative Assistant if you would like to review the full audit report.

# Edward K. Lewis, Sr.

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## Biographical Statement

My vocation to ministry began at an early age working with my parents in ministry. I received my B.S. in Business Administration from ODU (2009). In that year, I began my theological education at Princeton Theological Seminary and received my M.Div (2012). I returned to Columbus and attended MTSO and received my Masters in Theological Studies (2015).

I currently serve as interim pastor of Bethany Presbyterian Church. In order to further my education and to continue to work as a leader in my community, in 2019, I enrolled into the D.Min program at Methodist Theological School of Ohio. It is my endeavor to work in my community and equally, within the Presbytery, so that I can share in the work of faith, reflecting God's image throughout the world.

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## Statement of Faith

**The Trinity:** I believe in God who revealed Himself to the world through His son, Jesus Christ, with the purpose of reconciling the world to God's self by the aid of the Holy Spirit. In and through the life of Jesus Christ, God became physically and spiritually present with humanity, sharing in the human struggle. It is through the aid of the Holy Spirit, we are drawn to seek God for salvation and the truth concerning God's work through Jesus Christ upon the cross. Jesus said to the disciple, that when he leaves, He will send the comforter who will lead you and guide you unto all truth.

**Atonement:** Because of the sin of Adam and Eve, humankind's relationship with God had been marred and in need of reconciliation. Through the life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ, God repaired humankind's relationship with God's self. Jesus death upon the cross was the atoning work of God for the sins of the world. Jesus became the one time sacrifice for the sins of the world.

**Mission of the Church:** The mission of the church is to continue Jesus' work of reconciling the world to God. Jesus commanded the disciples to go and teach, baptize, and live as he lived; sharing the gospel message that God loves and seeks to have a relationship with the world. Through the life of the church, we live as examples of Jesus Christ and obey His command to compel the world to come unto Him. Through the life of Jesus Christ, and the work of the Holy Spirit, the Church (universal) becomes the body of Christ; continuing the work He began during His life on earth.

**The Sacraments:** The sacraments (Baptism and the Lord's Supper) are institutions which began by the command of Christ. They are symbols of God's offering of Jesus, who was baptized and His body broken. The sacraments serve as God's presence and promise to be with us until the ends of the world. When we are baptized, we symbolize Christ death and resurrection and the cleansing of our souls. In baptism, we symbolize God's covenant with God's people.

**The Scriptures:** According to 2 Timothy 3:16, the scriptures are "God breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness." The scriptures tell us what we ought to be believe about God, Jesus the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Therefore, "we affirm and avow their authority to be from God, and not to depend on me or angels" (BC - 3.19). Through the scriptures, the Church receives its instructions on how we should respond to God and to the world. It is through the scriptures, that humankind have a record of the history of God with God's people. Without scripture, we are without a faithful witness to God's word and works in the life of Jesus Christ.



Recognition of the Honorable Retirement of Preston S. Shealy  
The Presbytery of Scioto Valley – September 15, 2020  
Via Zoom Video Conference

*Litany*

Moderator: There are different gifts,

People: **But it is the same Spirit who gives them.**

Moderator: There are different ways of serving God,

People: **But it is the same Lord who is served.**

*Prayer by the Moderator*

God of grace, we thank you for the gifts of Christian ministry given to your servant Preston. We celebrate the years of his labor in the fields of the Lord and rejoice in the benefits so many have received. Give your servant a sense of fulfillment and completion, a time of refreshment and rest, along with new opportunities for living the good news of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Statement of Retirement from the Commission for Church Professionals*

Inasmuch as the Lord has brought you through years of joy and labor in the gospel ministry, the Presbytery of Scioto Valley now grants you retirement. At this time, we want to make public acknowledgment of your service to the Kingdom of God: Ordained by Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery Granite City, Illinois. Served as pastor in congregations in South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, and Ohio. Retired on September 30, 2020, serving as the Pastor at Boulevard Presbyterian Church, Grandview Heights, Ohio.

*Prayer by the Moderator*

Eternal God and Lord of all, through the ages men and women have been called to serve you in various ways. We honor your servant Preston today. May there be many years ahead for Preston when he may enjoy a new measure of your peace. Help him be a good steward of his leisure. Continue to use him for the purpose of building up your Kingdom wherever he may be. Amen.

*Presentation of the Certificate of Retirement*

*Benediction by the Moderator*

Now to the One who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly

far more than all we could ask or imagine, to God be the glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. Amen.

*Singing of the Doxology by the Presbytery*

### **Supplemental Information from Commission for Congregational Life**

The CCL technology grant was a one time, \$500 grant available to any church in the Scioto Valley Presbytery to subsidize any necessary purchases to establish or grow a virtual worship presence for members