

**CALL OF STATED MEETING OF
THE MIAMI PRESBYTERY**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2009
9:00 AM**

**WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
325 West Ash Street
Piqua, OH 45356
937-773-0564**

**Advance reservations are
required for lunch during the meeting.
Cost - \$5
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Tuesday, November 10
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325 West Ash Street, Piqua, OH 45356

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DOCKET OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI VALLEY
Saturday, November 14, 2009
Westminster Presbyterian Church, Piqua, Ohio

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 CONVENING PRAYER – Rev. Bill Reisenweaver, Moderator
- 9:05 OPENING BUSINESS - Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker
- Statement of Quorum & Formation of the Roll
 - Adoption of the Docket
 - Seat Corresponding Members
 - Correspondence Report
 - Reports of Administrative Commissions
- HOSPITALITY REPORT – Rev. Kazy Hinds, Westminster Presbyterian Church
Introductions of guests and new elders
- REPORT OF THE COUNCIL – Rev. Denise Ingram
- Consent Agenda** (for action)
- From the Stated Clerk – Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2009
 - From the Committee on Ministry –
 - To approve the request to grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Wayne McLaughlin effective January 1, 2010
 - Collinsville - Renewal of CLP covenant
 - Springfield: Oakland – Waiver of G-14.0226c
- FY 2010 Budget** – for action
- COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – Elder Joyce Hazlett
- Election of Young Adult Advisory Delegate to 219th General Assembly (for action)
 - Elections to presbytery committees (for action)
- COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – Rev. Brian Maguire
- Recognition of retiring ministers
- 9:45 ORDER OF THE DAY – *Technology in the Church*
(choice of two 30-minute workshops)
- 11:00 WORSHIP – Rev. Tom Harmon, preaching
- 12 noon REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, CON'T. – Rev. Denise Ingram
- Business pulled from Consent Agenda for individual consideration
 - Opportunity for Questions on Printed Reports
- 12:30 pm ADJOURNMENT with closing prayer
LUNCH served by host church – advance reservations expected

Technology in the Church

Presbytery of the Miami Valley

November 14, 2009

Attendees will be invited to attend two, 30-minute workshops during the afternoon docket of the presbytery meeting. All workshops will be presented twice.

Workshop Offerings

- “Technology & Record-keeping for Clerks” - Doris Arnett Whitaker
- “Ethics of Internet” (Facebook, Twitter, emailing) - Lisa Hess
- “Social Networking” (Facebook, Twitter, email technologies usage for ministry) – Tom Harmon
- “Church Communication & Technology” (Constant-Contact; are paper Newsletter passing fad?) - Tom Oxley
- “Website Design” (DIY solutions for smaller churches) –Don Nowak
- “Online Sources for Discipleship, Leadership training & CE” – Nadia Stropich
- “Energize Church Secretarial Work with FREE Google Apps” - Dave Collins
- “Worship/Sanctuary Technologies” - Amy Vaubel

Consent Agenda

****PLEASE NOTE**

All the business listed in a Consent Agenda comes from the Council, a committee or an officer of the presbytery and is considered to be routine, noncontroversial business for the presbytery to approve. The Consent Agenda will be moved as one motion and voted on by the presbytery. There is no discussion or debate and no opportunity for amendments.

However, any minister member or elder commissioner may request that any item of business be removed from the Consent Agenda for individual consideration. Also in the instance of elections and there are nominations from the floor, the action is removed from the Consent Agenda. All business removed from the Consent Agenda is docketed at the end of the business meeting.

Contact information of the chairperson is included with each of the consent agenda items. Ministers and commissioners are encouraged to contact the chair prior to the meeting in case there are questions or need for clarification.

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Consent Agenda

November 14, 2009

1. From the Stated Clerk – Approval of Minutes of September 8, 2009
2. From the Committee on Ministry –
 - a. Grant status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Wayne McLaughlin effective January 1, 2010
 - b. Bradford – Extension of CLP covenant
 - c. Collinsville - Renewal of CLP covenant
 - d. Springfield: Oakland – Waiver of G-14.0226c

Rev. Denise Ingram
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Phone – 937-299-3539

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Consent Agenda

November 14, 2009

The Stated Clerk recommends that the presbytery:

1. Approve of Minutes of stated meeting on September 8 (see pages 5 – 11)

Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker, Stated Clerk

Email – doris.whitaker@miamipresbytery.org

Phone – 937-258-8118

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Consent Agenda

November 14, 2009

The Committee recommends that the presbytery:

1. Grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Wayne McLaughlin effective January 1, 2010
2. Bradford – Extend the Commissioned Lay Pastor Covenant with Elder Irwin Roberts through December 31, 2009 at the current duties and terms.
3. Collinsville –Renew the part-time (20 hours per week) Commissioned Lay Pastor Covenant with Elder Michael Gabbard for one year beginning January 1, 2010; duties – preach and worship leadership, administer the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, perform weddings and funerals, provide pastoral care, advise and resource Session and congregational committees, serve as moderator of Session, attend meetings of the Presbytery of Miami Valley with voice and vote; terms – Cash salary \$8,304, housing allowance \$7,020, prof dev reimb \$500, 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave annually. Supervising minister will be appointed by COM.
4. Springfield: Oakland – Grant a one-year waiver of the six-year limit for electing elders on active session duty as outlined in G-14.0226c.
Rationale: The Session requested this waiver due to difficulty in finding “qualified, experienced leaders during this precarious time in the life of our church.”

Rev. Brian Maguire, chair

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Phone – (937) 372-9246

MINUTES FROM THE STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

September 8, 2009

First Presbyterian Church, Middletown, Ohio

The meeting was convened with the reading of 1 Corinthians 1:4-9 and prayer by the Rev. William Reisenweaver, Moderator, at 4:05 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2009, at First Presbyterian Church, Middletown, Ohio.

LEGEND: P = Present E = Excused Blank= Absent *Italics*=attendance recorded in more than one category

OFFICERS OF THE MIAMI PRESBYTERY:

Rev. Bill Reisenweaver (Moderator) - P
 Elder Marge Morgan (Vice Moderator) - P
 Rev. Denise Ingram (Council Chair) - P

Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker (Stated Clerk) - P
 Elder Larry Hollar (Recording Clerk) - P
 Elder Pam Dobbins (Enrolling Clerk) - P

ROLL OF CHURCHES

BEAVERCREEK: KIRKMONT	DAYTON: FAIRMONT	HAMILTON: THE P. C.
Rev. David JW Brown - P	Rev. Robert Wade - P	Rev. John Lewis - P
Rev. Carmen Garrigan - P	Rev. Denise Ingram (SS) - P	Rev. Daniel Carter - P
Elder Pat Youther (CCE) - P	Elder Jean Webster - P	Elder
Elder Ed Hermes - P	Elder Charlie Chamberlain - P	HAMILTON: WESTWOOD
BELLBROOK	DAYTON: GOOD SHEPHERD	Rev. Joshua Long - P
Rev. Stan Gockel (Int)	Rev. Richard Walker III	Elder
Elder Ben Rader	Elder	HUBER HEIGHTS: FAITH
BELLE CENTER	DAYTON: IMMANUEL KOREAN	Rev. Norman Godfrey - P
Rev. Kathy Clark (Int) - P	Rev. Soo Kwang Kim - P	Elder
Elder Nancy Ludewig - P	Elder	HUNTSVILLE
BELLEFONTAINE	DAYTON: MEMORIAL	Rev. Karen Cassedy (Int.) - P
Rev. Rob Fulton	<i>Rev. David Foubert (SS)</i>	Elder
Elder	Elder	JAMESTOWN
BLUE BALL	DAYTON: SOUTHMINSTER	Rev. Michael Helling - E
<i>SS vacancy</i>	Rev. Eric Pasanchin - P	Elder Chuck Brandel - E
Elder Ken Lamb - P	Rev. Megan Collins	LEBANON
BRADFORD	Rev. Susan Hamilton - P	Rev. Peter Larson
Elder Irwin Roberts (CLP)	Elder Jeanne McIver (CCE)	Elder
Elder	Elder Gay Amos - P	Elder
CARLISLE: NEW JERSEY	Elder	MIDDLETOWN: FIRST
Rev. Jeffrey T. Foster	DAYTON: SUGAR CREEK	Rev. L. Timothy Doty - P
Elder Mary Ann Doliboa	Rev. Julia Wharff - P	Elder Kathy Harris - P
CEDARVILLE	Elder Earl Johns - P	Elder Jim Bruner - P
Rev. Drew Elling	DAYTON: TRINITY	MIDDLETOWN: ST. LUKE
Elder	Rev. Lutrelle Rainey - P	Rev. Janet Dillaman - P
CLIFTON	<i>Elder Artnce Walton</i> - P	Elder David Nicodemus - P
Rev. Arby Conn - P	Elder Evelyn Mobley - P	MONROE
Elder Marilyn Timmons - P	DAYTON: WESTMINSTER	Rev. Patrick Warren - P
COLLINSVILLE	Rev. George McConnel - P	Elder Bill Crawford - P
Elder Michael Gabbard (CLP)	Rev. John Neely	MORNING SUN
Elder	Rev. Kay Davis-Dudding - P	Rev. Michael Evans (SS)
COVINGTON	Rev. Nancy Hodgkins	Elder
<i>SS vacancy</i>	Rev. Laurie Davis	NEW CARLISLE: HONEY CREEK
Elder Virginia Watson	Elder	Rev. Shelley Wiley (SS) - P
DAYTON: BATH	Elder	Elder Anne Ruhrmund - P
Rev. Janine Wilson	Elder	NEW PARIS
Elder Cheryl Collins - P	EATON: FIRST	Rev. Dennis Andrews (SS)
DAYTON: CENTRAL	Rev. Wayne Morrison - P	Elder
Rev. David Jackson (SS) - P	Elder Heidi Touw - P	OXFORD
Elder	FAIRBORN: FIRST	Rev. Barbara Barnes - P
DAYTON: COLLEGE HILL	Rev. Tom Harmon - P	Rev. Mark Barnes - P
Rev. Robert E. Jones - P	Elder Kathleen Seewer - P	Elder Prue Dana (CCE) - P
Rev. Francisco Pelaez-Diaz - P	FARMERSVILLE: SLIFERS	Elder
Elder Marvella Lambright - P	Rev. Karel Hanhart - P	PIQUA: GOOD SHEPHERD
Elder James Beal - P	Elder	<i>SS vacancy</i>
DAYTON: CORINTH	GREENVILLE: FIRST	Elder Sandy Kerns - P
Rev. David Collins	Rev. John Person - P	PIQUA: WESTMINSTER
Elder Hank Baust - P	Rev. Christopher Benek - P	Rev. Kathryn Hinds - P
	Elder	Elder
	Elder	REILY
		Rev. Tom Ramsey (Temp S) - P
		Elder Dennis Scherzinger - P

RUSHSYLVANIA SS vacancy Elder	SPRINGFIELD: NORTHMINSTER Rev. Dwight McCormick - P Elder Lois Shroyer - P	WEST LIBERTY Rev. Angela Schenck (SS) Elder
SEVEN MILE Elder Lee Ault (CLP) Elder	SPRINGFIELD: OAKLAND Rev. Tom Martin (Int) Elder James A. Mitchell - P	WILMINGTON Rev. David Judd Elder Bruce Saunders Elder
SIDNEY: FIRST Rev. Joe M. Hinds III - P Elder Ann Hagen - P	SPRINGHILL Rev. Angela Schenck (SS) Elder	XENIA: MEMORIAL UNITED Rev. Wayne McLaughlin (Int) - P Elder
SOMERVILLE SS vacancy Elder	TRENTON: MT. OLIVET Rev. Chuck Testas - P Elder Barbara Hufford - P	XENIA: WESTMINSTER Rev. Brian Maguire - E Elder Marty Freeman - P
SOUTH CHARLESTON: FIRST Rev. William Reisenweaver - P Elder Tom Staten - P	TROY: FIRST Rev. Richard Culp - P Elder	YELLOW SPRINGS: FIRST SS vacancy Elder Michael Seewer (AC) - P
SPRINGBORO: COVENANT Rev. Ken Howard - P Elder Loretta Sebastian - P	URBANA: FIRST Rev. Kevin Horrigan - P Elder Peter Wallace - P	
SPRINGFIELD: COVENANT Rev. Ray Stewart - P Elder Bob Harley - P	WEST CARROLLTON: FIRST Rev. Kathy Horne (SS) Elder	

MINISTERS IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

Angleberger, Kelley - P	Brooks, Juanita	Niece, Linda - P
Avotri, Solomon	DeanBanion, Myra	Soards, Marion - E
Bain, Marcianna - P	Dozeman, Thomas	Thornton, Jesse - P
Barr, Judith Dunlap	Hess, Lisa	Whitaker, Doris Arnett - P
Battin, Barbara - P	Ingram, Steven	Wilson, Donald - E
	Martin, Christopher - E	

MINISTER MEMBERS AT LARGE

Bryant, Kendall - E	Hernandez, David - E	Shin, Kelley Wehmeyer - P
Douglass, Katherine - E	McClanahan, Steven - E	Springer, Linda - E
Gibson, Gregory		

HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS (Excused unless attendance indicated)

Amidon, C. Forrest	Graham, James	Righter, Richard L.
Angerman, Jack W.	Graham, William I.	Sensenbrenner, Edward W.
Angerman, Susan	Harsh, Theodore F.	Schechter, Richard - P
Bickett, David E.	Hill, Doris J. - P	Sheldon, Jocelyn J.
Brown, Edward	Hookey, Joseph R. - P	Short, Paula
Bueschel, Bruce	Kester, Gordon L.	Smith, Robert B., Jr.
Carlisle, Virginia	Kingsbury, Edwin	Sparks, W. Franklin
Creager, Ronald	Locke, C. William	Stewart, Donald M.
Dawes, Preston - P	Martin, Thomas	Swaim, Gerald G.
Edwards, Robert L.	McCoy, Wayne L.	Thompson, Glenn E.
Fleming, David L. - P	McCready, Warren G.	Wall, Evan
Foubert, David	Meyer, JoAnne	Walthour, William
Garcia, Nehemias	Philips, William	Williams, Russell D.
Girbert, David A.	Phleger, Terry	Yanney, William

ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY

Dobbins, Pam (Council) - P	Hess, Carol (Council)	Reed, Buzz (Com Chair) - P
Elder, Laurie (Council) - P	Morgan, Marge (V Mod) - P	Stahler, Jim (Council)
Hazlett, Joyce (Com chair) - P	Piermont, Dennis (EP) - P	Walton, Artence (Com Chair) - P

Certified Christian Educators (not otherwise registered) – none

Inquirers and Candidates (not otherwise registered) – Inquirer Andrew Clark

Corresponding Members – Rev. Karen Fleming (Church of the Nazarene), Rev. Bill Rice (Presbytery of Great Rivers)

Staff Members of the Miami Presbytery (not otherwise registered) – Tom Oxley

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK – The Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker

- A quorum was declared and on motion/second, the roll was formed by signatures obtained during registration showing an attendance of fifty-five (55) ministers of Word and Sacrament, thirty-five (35) elder commissioners (representing thirty [30] churches), and six (6) elder members of presbytery: a total of

ninety-six (96) voting members. Also present and not otherwise registered were two (2) corresponding members, zero (0) alternate commissioners, one (1) inquirer/candidate, one (1) staff members of the presbytery, and twenty-eight (28) registered visitors for a total registered attendance of one hundred and twenty-eight (128).

- On motion/second, the docket was adopted as amended.
- On motion/second, the Rev. Karen Fleming (Church of the Nazarene) and the Rev. Bill Rice (Presbytery of Great Rivers) were seated as corresponding members.

HOSPITALITY REPORT – The Rev. L. Tim Doty

- Reported on the church's ministry to the homeless, the Shalom Program

RESOURCE CENTER IMPLEMENTATION TEAM – Rev. Tom Harmon

- Reported on online presbytery survey on technology; survey ends at midnight, September 8th

“STEWARDSHIP OF MONEY: MANAGING WELL THE TREASURE GOD GIVES US”

- All attendees were invited to attend two of the following 30 minute workshops:
 - “Generations and Giving: What's Age Got to Do with it?” - Rev. Craig Showalter
 - “Ministry through Permanent Funds: Endowments” - Rev. Sandy McConnel
 - “Narrative Budgets: How to Create One, and Use It to Build Ministry” - Elder Dennis Piermont
 - “Navigating Tax Rules for Clergy” - Elder Bob Harley
 - “Orientation for Church Treasurers” - Elder John Peterson
 - “Practicing Generosity: Annual Stewardship Program” - Rev. Kazy Blocker Hinds
 - “Stewardship on the World Wide Web: A Tour” - Rev. Julia Wharff
 - “Stewardship of Personal Wealth: A Tour of Group Studies” - Rev. Laurie Elder
- The Presbytery reconvened in sanctuary

GREETING OF OUR NEIGHBORS

- New elder commissioners and guests introduced.
- One half of Hunger Offering designated for the support of the Middletown Food Pantry and half to the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program.
- Table Grace offered by Rev. Tim Doty

RECESS FOR DINNER

WORSHIP – The Rev. George H. (Sandy) McConnel, preacher

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL – Rev. Denise Ingram

Consent Agenda – The following actions were approved by voice vote after the presbytery was given the opportunity to pull business

- From the Stated Clerk –
 - Approval of presbytery minutes of stated meeting on May 12, 2009 and special meeting on July 21, 2009 as corrected
 - Receive the 2009 annual report from the Committee on Representation as distributed (Appendix A)
- From the Council –
 - Approval of the 2010 per capita apportionment of \$24.75 (GA \$6.15, synod \$3.18, presbytery \$15.42).
 - Ratify the action of the Board of Trustees and Council to lease to buy the home and property located at 7116 County Road 10, Zanesfield, Ohio (legal description 1.21 acres VMS # 12563 Jefferson Township; Map Reference/Parcel # 12-110-00-00-030-001) with the following terms: \$2,000 security deposit, 2 yr lease at \$1150/month (\$1125 if received by the 1st), \$250/month credit towards purchase for each month the rent is paid on time (by the 5th) (max \$6,000) \$2,000 credit towards closing costs if all 24 payments are on time and set up to be paid electronically. The option price is \$190,000.
 - Approve the recommendation of the Board of Trustees to list the property of former Camden: First for an initial asking price of \$100,000.

- Authorize the council to review and approve the annual progress reports for Mission Program Grants with Dayton: College Hill and Dayton: Immanuel Korean.
- From the Committee on Ministry –
 - Approve the 2010 Pastor Compensation Guidelines (Appendix B)
 - Renew the continuing membership of the following ministers in specialized ministries for one year beginning July 28, 2009:
 - Angleberger, Kelley – Case manager, The Other Place
 - Avotri, Solomon – Professor of Biblical Studies, Payne Theological Seminary, Wilberforce
 - Barr, Judith – Program Coordinator, Samaritan Homeless Clinic. Dayton
 - Battin, Barbara – Campus Ministry, Sinclair Community College, Dayton
 - Hess, Lisa – Associate Professor of Practical Theology and Contextual Ministries at United Theological Seminary, Trotwood
 - Ingram, Steven – Manager of Pastoral Care and Education at Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton
 - Martin, Christopher – Chaplain in the United States Navy
 - Niece, Linda – Senior Staff Chaplain, Department of Pastoral Care and Counseling, Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton
 - Marion Soards – Professor at Louisville Seminary, Louisville, KY
 - Thornton, Jesse – Director of Pastoral Services, Atrium Medical Center, Middletown
 - Wilson, Donald – Lt Col, USAF, Chaplain
 - Renew the continuing membership of the following members-at-large for one year beginning July 28, 2009:
 - Rev. Marcianna Bain
 - Rev. Katherine Douglas
 - Rev. Kelley Wehmeyer Shin
 - Grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Greg Gibson effective October 1, 2009.

Treasurer's Report

- Received Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet dated August 31, 2009. YTD Receipts \$472,871.61; YTD Disbursements \$475,534.58; Net Balance -\$2,662.97. Total Net Worth and Liabilities \$1,949,331.26.

For information, the Council reports the following action taken on behalf of the presbytery;

- From the Board of Trustees
 - Kirkmont Center Board of Trustees – four appointed as instructed by the presbytery (two in the class of 2010, one in class of 2011 and one in class of 2012)
 - Dr. R. Douglas Hutchens – Senior Scientist, Universal Technologies
 - Edward J. Mechenbier, Maj. General (Ret.), USAF; chair, Labor Force/Education Committee, Greene County Department of Economic Development
 - Charles (Chuck) Allport, P.E.; President, 2007-09, Dayton Engineers Club Foundation
 - Margy Steven, Assistant Superintendent, Montgomery County Educational Service Center
 - Outstanding loan with Dayton: Immanuel Korean (loan was initiated by former Dayton: Heritage) – net proceeds from sale of land to the State of Ohio were applied to the outstanding loan. IKPC was asked to pay the balance of the outstanding loan of \$6,601.97; payment in full has been received and loan closed.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – Elder Joyce Hazlett

For action, the Committee on Nominations places the following names in nomination:

COMMISSIONERS TO THE 219TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY - July 3 – 10, 2010, Minneapolis, MN
 Elder Henry Baust (Dayton: Corinth)
 Elder Rosa Caskey (Xenia: Memorial United)
 Rev. Richard Culp
 Rev. Kay Davis-Dudding

Nominations opened to the floor. None received. Nominees elected on voice vote.

For action, the Committee on Nominations places the following names in nomination:

KIRKMONT CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Class of 2010

Rev. Tim Doty

Class of 2011

Rev. Laurie Davis

Elder Buzz Reed (Xenia: Westminster)

Class of 2012

Rev. Drew Elling

Elder Julie Preisser (Dayton: Westminster)

Nominations opened to the floor. None received. Nominees elected on voice vote.

For action, the Committee on Nominations places the following names in nomination:

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (COM)

Class of 2012

Rev. Kelley Wehmeyer Shin

Elder Doug Hutchens (Dayton: Westminster)

NETWORKS SUPPORT COMMITTEE (NSC)

2009 – 2010 Chair – Elder Tom Milligan (Sidney: First)

Class of 2011

Elder Tom Milligan (Sidney: First)

Class of 2012

Elder Cheryl Collins (Dayton: Bath)

Elder Kathy Albert (Dayton: Corinth)

Nominations opened to the floor. None received. Nominees elected on voice vote.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY – The Rev. Karen Cassidy

For action, Committee recommended that Inquirer Andrew Clark (Xenia: Memorial) be presented for examination and be approved to advance to candidacy.

- Mr. Clark read his statement of call and was examined by the presbytery on matters of faith and vocation. On motion/second, the examination was arrested and the presbytery was given the opportunity for debate and discussion.
- On motion, Mr. Clark was approved for candidacy in preparation for the office of Minister of Word and Sacrament.
- Moderator Bill Reisenweaver asked the new candidate questions of intent which were answered in the affirmative; charged the candidate; and led the presbytery in prayer. Mr. Clark's name was recorded on the presbytery's roll of candidates.

For information, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry reports the following action taken on behalf of the presbytery;

- Enrolled Ms. Robyn Kleinschmidt (Dayton: Southminster) as an Inquirer on May 21, 2009
- Enrolled Ms. Kori Phillips (Dayton: Westminster) as an Inquirer on July 16, 2009.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – The Rev. Joe Hookey

See consent Agenda for additional action items

For action, the committee recommends that the presbytery:

- Dayton: Trinity - Authorize the Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission to work with the Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio. The Commission will consist of seven (7) presbyters, at least one of whom shall be a member of the Committee on Ministry, with the remaining members representing an even distribution of ministers and elders from churches in the Presbytery of Miami Valley, to work in the following ways:
 - To work with the Session, Pastor and Congregation to address the causes of division and disorder, and to seek ways to encourage constructive resolution of the issues;

- To work with the Session, Pastor and Congregation in addressing issues of relationships and expectations among officers, staff and members;
- To provide at least two (2) persons of the Administrative Commission to attend all Session meetings with voice (but no vote) and to provide leadership where necessary and appropriate;
- To assume original jurisdiction in any case in which the Administrative Commission determines that the Session cannot exercise its authority, after a thorough investigation and a full opportunity to be heard is given to all parties involved (G-11.0103s);
- To report its progress to the Committee on Ministry monthly; to provide an initial report of its findings and recommendations to the Presbytery of Miami Valley at the November 2009 stated meeting; and to provide regular reports to the presbytery thereafter until completion.

After an opportunity for questions and discussion, the motion passed on voice vote.

In Memoriam – the presbytery was led in prayer for the lives of The Reverend C. Paul Nicholson (Appendix C) and the Reverend Kenneth Kettlewell (Appendix D)

For information, the committee reports the following action taken on behalf of the presbytery:

- Bellbrook – Completed triennial visit
- Belle Center – Approved the request to elect PNC
- Blue Ball – approved to extend Kevin Lawler’s status as student supply pastor at Blue Ball until October 1, 2009.
- Covington – Appointed the Rev. Kazy Blocher Hinds moderator of session.
- Dayton: Good Shepherd Community – Approved the 2009 compensation for the Rev. Richard Walker III as part-time (1/2 time – 22.5 hours per week) Pastor. Terms: Cash Salary \$19,041, housing allow \$14,209, UMC medical/pension, accountable reimbursements \$1,790, 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave.
- Dayton: Southminster – Completed triennial visit
- Fairborn: First – Completed triennial visit
- Huntsville – Approved the request to elect PNC
- Lebanon – Approved the request to dissolve the pastoral relationship with the Rev. William Seitz so that he may accept a call at First Presbyterian Church, Wamego, Kansas (Presbytery of Northern Kansas); and to transfer his credentials to the Presbytery of Northern Kansas upon their request. A duly called congregational meeting was held on August 9, 2009.
- Monroe – Completed triennial visit
- Oxford – Approve 2009 Terms of Call for Certified Christian Educator Prue Dana: Cash salary \$33,900; other income \$10,207 (Medical premium); automobile reimbursement \$937; Professional Development \$750.
- Reily – Appointed the Rev. Thomas Ramsey as part-time (22 hours per week) Temporary Supply for six months beginning August 23, 2009. Terms: Cash salary \$5,500, housing allow \$5,500, estimate medical/pension dues \$3,981.45, prof expense and travel reimb \$1,000, 2 weeks vacation after three months.
- Rushsylvania – Completed triennial visit
- Somerville – Completed triennial visit
- Springfield: Northminster – Completed triennial visit
- Springfield: Oakland – Approved CIF for posting on Church Leadership Connection web site.
- West Carrollton: First – Approved the renewal of the part-time (30 hours per week) Stated Supply Appointment with the Rev. Katherine T. Horne for one year beginning June 1, 2009. Terms: Cash \$5,528, housing allowance \$25,120, full medical/pension dues, prof dev reimb \$1,500, prof exp reimb \$500, 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave annually.
- Xenia: Westminster – Authorized the Rev. Edwin Kingsbury, H.R. to serve as Parish Associate for a period of one year, renewable thereafter, commencing July 1, 2009. This position is without compensation except for mileage reimbursement and honoraria for pulpit supply. The primary responsibility for the Parish Associate will be to assist with pastoral care.
- Yellow Springs: First – Appointed the Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker as part-time (15 hours per week) Stated Supply for six months beginning September 10, 2009. Terms: Cash salary \$3,625, housing allow \$3,625, estimate medical/pension dues \$3,981.45, prof expense and travel reimb \$750, 2 weeks vacation, 1 week study leave and 1 week for service to the greater church.

- Approved revised COM policies on Certified Christian Educators and Commissioned Lay Pastors.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK, CON'T. – The Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker

Correspondence report (May 9, 2009 through September 3, 2009))

- From the Office of Vocation, PCUSA – letter regarding the increase of requests of pastors from outside the denomination to transfer membership to the PCUSA. Forwarded to COM and CPM.
- From the Synod of the Covenant –
 - Requests for nominees to the synod EP search committee, nominees to synod Committee on Representation, nominees for synod Vice Moderator. Forwarded to Committee on Nominations.
 - Invoice for 2010 per capita apportionment
 - Minutes of Synod Assembly
- Minister membership changes (since last presbytery meeting) –
 - Losses – Rev. Paul Nicholson (deceased), Rev. Ken Kettlewell (deceased)
 - Gains – none
 - In transition – Rev. William Seitz (to Northern Kansas)

Administrative Commissions

- Camden: First – On motion/second, dissolved the Administrative Commission for Camden: First effective immediately with the thanks of a grateful presbytery. Passed on voice vote. (Appendix E)
- Dayton: Central (Appendix F)
- Yellow Springs: First (Appendix G)

OPPORTUNITY FOR QUESTIONS REGARDING WRITTEN REPORTS

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at approximately 8:25 p.m. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley is 9:00 a.m., Saturday, November 14, 2009, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Piqua, Ohio.

Attest:

Doris Arnett Whitaker, Stated Clerk

APPENDICES:

- A. 2009 Committee on Representation report
- B. 2010 Pastor Compensation Guidelines
- C. In Memoriam – The Reverend C. Paul Nicholson
- D. In Memoriam – The Reverend Kenneth Kettlewell
- E. Camden: First – Final report from the Administrative Commission
- F. Dayton: Central – Minutes from the Administrative Commission
- G. Yellow Springs: First – Minutes from the Administrative Commission

**PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY
2009 PROPOSED BUDGET
HIGHLIGHTS AND NOTES**

Introduction

The proposed budget for 2010 for the Presbytery of the Miami Valley of **\$696,343.10** represents an overall **decrease** in projected expenses of **\$87,079.40** or **11.1%** from the 2009 presbytery budget.

For the second consecutive year the budget presented for presbytery approval is a balanced budget, requiring no use of reserve funds.

Notes Concerning Income

The two main sources of income from congregations are Per Capita Apportionment (\$325,685.25) and Undesignated Mission Giving (\$356,557.85). The *decrease* in Per Capita totals reflects the overall decrease in membership in the presbytery. The totals for Undesignated Mission Giving are derived from trends in congregational giving within the presbytery along with reasonable expectations of giving potential. This figure for 2010 shows a 7.78% *decrease* over 2009.

Additional changes in Income figures are the elimination of \$56,189.00 for the compensation of the pastor of Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church (who was an employee of the presbytery as part of a New Church Development in accordance with the *Book of Order*), a *decrease* (\$2,700.00) in anticipated income in our operating bank accounts, and the inclusion of rental income (\$10,800.00) for the presbytery-owned residence at Kirkmont.

Notes Concerning Expenses

Salaries & Benefits: Changes reflected in salary include the elimination of the compensation for the pastor of Immanuel Korean NCD and a 1.0% *increase* in compensation for the current presbytery employees. Other changes are a *decrease* (\$4,000.00) for Resource Center (whose expenses are budgeted as part of the transition for the web based center), and Workman's Compensation, which reflects the change in rates resulting from the establishment of Kirkmont Center as an independent entity. Note also that the figures for the Executive Presbyter's compensation show an *increase* in salary but a *decrease* in pension and medical allocations contrasted with 2009. The 2009 figures were in error.

Operations: The total for Operations shows a *decrease* of \$9,484.80. This reflects a renegotiation of the lease for the presbytery office (there is no longer a resource center on site), a significant *decrease* in insurance costs formerly related to Kirkmont Center, other budgeted expenses that reflect the actual expenses for 2009, and some additional expenses for 2010.

Mission: While total Mission expenses are essentially unchanged for 2010, line items reveal *decreases* in those portions of Per Capita Apportionment and General Assembly and Synod mission giving that are “passed through;” and an *increase* of the presbytery matching grant as part of the continuation of the NCD funding for Immanuel Korean Presbyterian Church. Even though IKPC is now a “particular” congregation, the NCD funding continues. There was no item in the 2009 budget as (then) IKNCD had “suspended” funding for two years.

Committees, Grants & Networks: There is an overall *decrease* of \$5,500.00 in expenses. All of the committees of the presbytery were part of the decision making in this portion of the budget process. The Council request a lower budget for 2010, based upon expenses for 2009, and the Network Support Committee did the same. With respect to the NSC’s budget, the fact that all of the 2009 allocation will not be used (as was the case in 2008) is not simply an indication of a lack of interest in network support but rather a growing understanding that the presbytery provides “financial aid” for a network to do its ministry rather than simply funding the ministry.

REPORT FROM THE SYNOD COMMISSIONERS

To: The Presbytery of the Miami Valley
From: Elder Janet Bohren and Rev. Kathy Horne,
your Commissioners to the Synod of the Covenant
Date: Oct. 27, 2009

We began our service in March, 2009 as part of the newly restructured Synod Assembly. Each presbytery sends one clergy person and one elder to the Assembly, which meets 3 times a year at the Synod office in Maumee, Ohio. Synod staffing, assembly and committee meeting arrangements, etc. have been streamlined to reduce costs so that the available funding can be used to carry out the Synod's Mission. An excellent DVD that highlights the synod's mission in only 8 minutes is available from the presbytery office.

At the March meeting, we were able to indicate preferences for the committees on which we would serve and then Kathy Horne was assigned to the Church Development and Transformation committee, and Janet Bohren was assigned to the Ministries in Higher Education committee. Committees met and reported, we worshiped and enjoyed food and fellowship times. We celebrated the retirement of the Rev. Marie Cross, who had served as Synod Executive for 5 years. In addition, the assembly heard a presentation by Joel Wrobel, Director of Marketing for the Westminster-Thurber Community in Columbus, on the book *What are Old People For? How Elders will save the world* by William H. Thomas, MD. We both came away from the Assembly with an appreciation for the mission work the synod is doing – enabling churches to carry out projects they could not do on their own.

Between Assemblies, committees often meet by phone to make decisions about grant requests and other committee business. In June the Assembly met by teleconference call to vote on the terms of the call of Elder Margaret Haney as interim Synod Executive for one year, to approve the Synod entering into a contract to use the service of Percept (provides demographic information), and to authorize specified persons to sign financial documents on behalf of the Synod. All three items were approved by a vote of those present.

Our second Assembly meeting on August 12-13 was highlighted by the presence of vice-moderator of General Assembly of the PC (USA), Byron Wade, who led the group in an emerging worship experience Wednesday evening at Christ Presbyterian Church, Toledo and spoke on "The Emerging Church" Thursday morning at the assembly

meeting. The Judicial function of the Synod was emphasized when the Assembly dealt with reports from two Administrative Review Committees that had been working with complaints raised by persons in the Mackinac and Detroit presbyteries. (This function is similar to that of an Investigating Committee at the presbytery level, determining if a PJC action is needed.) These were difficult discussions and we came away with an appreciation for the time and prayerful consideration that had been given to seeking to care for the persons involved in these situations. The Rev. Denise Ingram, past moderator of Miami Valley Presbytery served on one of these Administrative Review Committees.

We celebrated the Synod Health Fair ministry, which held 51 fairs during the summer of 2009. Interim Synod Executive Margaret Haney led the Assembly in a discussion seeking to discern the new things God is doing in the synod. She asked commissioners to participate in visiting each of the presbyteries to gather information on this topic. This will be used in determining the position description for the new Synod Executive. The assembly approved a proposal to apply for a Frank E. Clark Charitable Trust Grant, which would enable the synod to fund eleven grants of \$4,500 each (one per presbytery) to be used to help churches upgraded their heating/cooling systems (capital improvements only). We came away marveling at how much work had been accomplished in only about 24 hours spent together!

The Ministries in Higher Education Committee has voted that Presbyterian students from United Theological Seminary in Trotwood are eligible to apply for racial ethnic scholarships from the synod.

It should be noted that the synod has sponsored eleven pastors from Eastern Europe who are now in churches in our synod. Two are in the Presbytery of the Miami Valley, Rev. Peter Penaz from Czech who is visiting the Lebanon PC, and Rev. Michael Jablonski from Poland who is visiting the Middletown First PC.

The next meeting of the assembly is Nov. 6-7 in Maumee, Ohio at the Synod offices.