

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

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2010
9:00 AM**

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
3211 Lakeview Avenue
Dayton, OH 45408
937-268-4111

**Advance reservations are
required for lunch during the
meeting.**

Cost - \$5

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at the registration desk.**

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meeting.**

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3211 Lakeview Avenue, Dayton OH 45408

From the North:

Take I-75 toward Dayton. Merge onto US-35 West via Exit 52B toward Eaton. Turn Left onto Abbey Avenue. Abbey Avenue becomes Dearborn Avenue. Turn Right onto Lakeview Avenue. Trinity church is on the right at 3211 Lakeview.

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DOCKET OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI VALLEY
Saturday, February 13, 2010
Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio

- 8:30 am Registration
- 9:00 CONVENING PRAYER
Welcome to new pastor – Rev. Derrick Weston
Introductions of guests and new elders
- 9:15 WORSHIP – Rev. Dr. Earl Palmer, preaching
“St. Paul and the Two Cities He Loved”
EXPLORING EVANGELISM – “St. Paul as a Global Strategist”
REPORT OF THE EVANGELISM NETWORK – Rev. Peter Larson
- Invitation to evangelism workshop on March 13, 2010 at Lebanon Presbyterian Church
- 11:15 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
- REPORT OF THE COUNCIL – Rev. Denise Ingram
- Consent Agenda** (for action)
- From the Stated Clerk – Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2009
 - From the Council –
 - Adoption of Anonymous Communications Policy
 - From the Committee on Ministry –
 - Bradford: First – Extension of CLP covenant
 - Bradford: First - Waiver of G-14.0226c
 - Renewal of continuing minister memberships for specialized ministry
 - Minister membership changes from active to inactive
- REPORT FROM THE KIRKMONT CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES
– Elder Doug Hutchens
- UPDATE ON HAITI RELIEF EFFORTS – Rev. Drew Elling
- COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – Rev. Brian Maguire
- Dayton: Trinity – Dissolution of pastoral relationship
 - Authorize appointment of Administrative Commission (for action)
 - In Memoriam – Rev. Ginny Carlisle
- REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, CON’T. – Rev. Denise Ingram
- Business pulled from Consent Agenda for individual consideration
 - Opportunity for Questions on Printed Reports
- 12:00 noon ADJOURNMENT with closing prayer
LUNCH served by host church – advance reservations expected

Exploring Evangelism with The Rev. Dr. Earl F. Palmer



The Rev. Dr. Earl F. Palmer serves the National Capital Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC as the Preaching Pastor-in-Residence. Prior to this, Rev. Palmer, served as Senior Pastor of University Presbyterian Church (UPC) in Seattle, Washington.

Rev. Palmer holds degrees from the University of California, Berkeley, and Princeton Theological Seminary. He was awarded honorary doctorates from Whitworth College and Seattle Pacific University, and his ministry includes calls to Union Church of Manila, Republic of the Philippines, First Presbyterian Church of Berkeley, Calif., and UPC in Seattle since 1991. He is the author of 18 books, including, *Trusting God*, *The Humor of Jesus*, and *The 24-Hour Christian*; he is a trustee

of Princeton Theological Seminary and New College, Berkeley, Calif.

Described as "a scholar, master pulpiteer, elder statesman of the church, and a generous-hearted shepherd," Rev. Palmer has inspired generations of Presbyterians with his biblically-based preaching. University Presbyterian Church, under Rev. Palmer's leadership, grew steadily to more than 4,500 members, with average weekly worship attendance exceeding 3,500. On Sundays at UPC, he has preached five sermons that reached out to all generations.

Members of his congregation have established a non-profit organization, [Earl Palmer Ministries](http://www.earlpalmer.org/) (<http://www.earlpalmer.org/>) to enable him to continue preaching the Gospel in retirement.

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

1. From the Stated Clerk – Approval of Minutes of November 14, 2009
2. From the Council – Adoption of the Anonymous Communications Policy
3. From the Committee on Ministry –
 - a. Bradford: First – Renewal of CLP covenant
 - b. Bradford: First – Waiver of G-14.0226c
 - c. Renewal of continuing minister memberships for specialized ministry
 - d. Minister membership changes from active to inactive

Rev. Denise Ingram
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REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK

Consent Agenda
February 13, 2010

The Stated Clerk recommends that the presbytery:

1. Approve of Minutes of stated meeting on November 14, 2009 (see pages 6 - 10)

Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker, Stated Clerk
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REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

Consent Agenda
February 13, 2010

The Council recommends that the presbytery:

1. Adopt the “Anonymous Communications Policy” (see page 11)
2. And if the above policy is adopted, direct the Stated Clerk to communicate this policy with all sessions of congregations in the presbytery, recommending that each session adopt a similar policy as well.

Rev. Denise Ingram
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COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

Consent Agenda
February 13, 2010

The Committee recommends that the presbytery:

1. Bradford: First – Renew the part-time (14 hours per week) Commissioned Lay Pastor Covenant with Elder Irwin Roberts for the period from March 1, 2010 through December 31, 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; annualized terms – Cash Salary \$6000; Travel allowance/reimb \$2600; Prof. expense reimb \$744; Medicare \$174; Continuing education reimb \$1010, four weeks vacation and two weeks study leave annually.

2. Bradford: First - 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.
3. Renew the continuing membership of the Rev. Dr. Tom Dozeman (professor at United Theological Seminary) in specialized ministry for one year beginning July 28, 2009.
4. Minister membership changes – To move the names of Rev. Juanita Brooks and Rev. Steven McClanahan from the active roll to the inactive roll effective immediately.
Rationale: For more than a year, neither minister responded to numerous communications from the Committee on Ministry to report their status of active membership was in compliance with G-11.0403.

Rev. Brian Maguire, chair
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MINUTES FROM THE STATED MEETING OF PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY

November 14, 2009

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Piqua, Ohio

The meeting was convened with prayer by the Rev. William Reisenweaver, Moderator, at 9:00 a.m., Saturday, November 14, 2009, at Westminster Presbyterian Church, Piqua, 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) - E

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
Rev. Carmen Garrigan - E	Rev. Denise Ingram (SS) - E	Rev. Daniel Carter
Elder Pat Youther (CCE) - P	Elder Jean Webster - P	Elder
Elder Ed Hermes - P	Elder Kenneth Eizenga - P	HAMILTON: WESTWOOD
BELLBROOK	DAYTON: GOOD SHEPHERD	Rev. Joshua Long - E
Rev. Stan Gockel (Int) - E	Rev. Richard Walker III	Elder Ted Pinkerton - E
Elder	Elder	HUBER HEIGHTS: FAITH
BELLE CENTER	DAYTON: IMMANUEL KOREAN	Rev. Norman Godfrey
Rev. Kathy Clark (Int) - P	Rev. Soo Kwang Kim - P	Elder
Elder Janice Shepherd - P	Elder	HUNTSVILLE
BELLEFONTAINE	DAYTON: MEMORIAL	Rev. Karen Cassedy (Int.) - P
Rev. Rob Fulton	<i>Rev. David Foubert (SS)</i>	Elder Sue Hurley - P
Elder	Elder	JAMESTOWN
BLUE BALL	DAYTON: SOUTHWESTMINSTER	Rev. Michael Helling
<i>SS vacancy</i>	Rev. Eric Pasanchin	Elder
Elder	Rev. Megan Collins - P	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 - P	DAYTON: SUGAR CREEK	Rev. L. Timothy Doty
Elder	Rev. Julia Wharff - P	Elder
CEDARVILLE	Elder Ruth Gordon - P	Elder
Rev. Drew Elling - P	DAYTON: TRINITY	MIDDLETOWN: ST. LUKE
Elder	Rev. Lutrelle Rainey - P	Rev. Janet Dillaman
CLIFTON	<i>Elder Artnce Walton</i> - P	Elder
Rev. Arby Conn - P	Elder Evelyn Mobley - P	MONROE
Elder	DAYTON: WESTMINSTER	Rev. Patrick Warren
COLLINSVILLE	Rev. George McConnel - P	Elder
Elder Michael Gabbard (CLP)	Rev. John Neely	MORNING SUN
Elder	Rev. Kay Davis-Dudding	Rev. Michael Evans (SS)
COVINGTON	Rev. Nancy Hodgkins	Elder
<i>SS vacancy</i>	Rev. Laurie Davis	NEW CARLISLE: HONEY CREEK
Elder Virginia Watson - P	Elder Les Ferguson - P	Rev. Shelley Wiley (SS) - E
DAYTON: BATH	Elder Sue Merz - P	Elder Beverly Quinn - P
Rev. Janine Wilson - P	Elder	NEW PARIS
Elder Cheryl Collins - P	EATON: FIRST	Rev. Dennis Andrews (SS) - P
DAYTON: CENTRAL	Rev. Wayne Morrison	Elder
Rev. David Jackson (SS)	Elder	OXFORD
Elder Daniel Iselaiye - P	FAIRBORN: FIRST	Rev. Barbara Barnes
DAYTON: COLLEGE HILL	Rev. Tom Harmon - P	Rev. Mark Barnes - P
Rev. Robert E. Jones - P	Elder Joyce Hazlett - P	Elder Prue Dana (CCE) - P
Rev. Francisco Pelaez-Diaz - P	FARMERSVILLE: SLIFERS	Elder Pat Gifford - P
Elder Marvella Lambright - P	Rev. Karel Hanhart - P	PIQUA: GOOD SHEPHERD
Elder Rosalyn Givens - P	Elder Janice Kronour - P	<i>SS vacancy</i>
DAYTON: CORINTH	GREENVILLE: FIRST	Elder Sandy Kerns - P
Rev. David Collins - P	Rev. John Person	PIQUA: WESTMINSTER
Elder	Rev. Christopher Benek - P	Rev. Kathryn Hinds - P
	Elder	Elder Audrey Gillespie - P
	Elder	REILY
		Rev. Tom Ramsey (Temp S)
		Elder Dennis Scherzinger - P

RUSHSYLVANIA SS vacancy Elder	SPRINGFIELD: NORTHMINSTER Rev. Dwight McCormick - E Elder Lois Shroyer - P	WEST LIBERTY Rev. Angela Schenck (SS) - P Elder
SEVEN MILE Elder Lee Ault (CLP) Elder	SPRINGFIELD: OAKLAND Rev. Tom Martin (Int) Elder	WILMINGTON Rev. David Judd - P Elder Ralph Taylor - P Elder
SIDNEY: FIRST Rev. Joe M. Hinds III - P Elder Ann Hagen - P	SPRINGHILL Rev. Angela Schenck (SS) - P Elder	XENIA: MEMORIAL UNITED Rev. Wayne McLaughlin (Int) - P Elder
SOMERVILLE SS vacancy Elder	TRENTON: MT. OLIVET Rev. Chuck Testas - P Elder	XENIA: WESTMINSTER Rev. Brian Maguire - P Elder Corinne Whitesell - P
SOUTH CHARLESTON: FIRST Rev. William Reisenweaver - P Elder Tom Staten - P	TROY: FIRST Rev. Richard Culp Elder	YELLOW SPRINGS: FIRST Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker - P Elder
SPRINGBORO: COVENANT Rev. Ken Howard Elder	URBANA: FIRST Rev. Kevin Horrigan Elder	
SPRINGFIELD: COVENANT Rev. Ray Stewart - P Elder Mark DeViliss - P	WEST CARROLLTON: FIRST Rev. Kathy Horne (SS) Elder	

MINISTERS IN SPECIALIZED MINISTRIES

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

MINISTER MEMBERS AT LARGE

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

HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS (Excused unless attendance indicated)

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

ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY

Dobbins, Pam (Council) - P	Hess, Carol (Council)	Reed, Buzz (Com Chair)
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

Inquirers and Candidates (not otherwise registered) – none

Corresponding Members – none

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 forty-two (42) ministers of Word and Sacrament, thirty-one (31) elder commissioners (representing twenty-five [25] churches), and five (5) elder members of presbytery: a total of seventy-eight (78) voting members. Also present and not otherwise registered were one (1) staff member of the presbytery, and fifteen (15) registered visitors for a total registered attendance of ninety-four (94).

- On motion/second, the docket was adopted as amended.

Correspondence report (September 4, 2009 through November 11, 2009)

- From Springfield: Oakland – a letter requesting a waiver of G-14.0226c so that an elder may be elected to a third consecutive term on active session duty; needs recommendation to Presbytery for action. Forwarded to COM.
- From the Synod of the Covenant –
 - Results of Administrative Review Committees regarding Presbytery of Detroit and Presbytery of Mackinac
 - Advance materials for Synod Assembly
- From the Board of Pensions – delinquency reports
- Minister membership changes (since last presbytery meeting) –
 - Losses – Rev. William Seitz (to Northern Kansas), Rev. Warren McCready (deceased)
 - Gains – none
 - In transition – none

Administrative Commissions

- Dayton: Central (Appendix A)
- Dayton: Trinity – commission has received orientation and begun its work; printed minutes will be reported at next stated meeting of the presbytery
- Yellow Springs (Appendix B)

REPORT OF THE VICE MODERATOR – Elder Marge Morgan

The Vice Moderator recommends the presbytery elect the following to the Committee on Nominations:

Class of 2010 Rev. David Collins

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

HOSPITALITY REPORT – The Rev. Kazy Hinds

- Introductions of guests and new elders

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL – Elder Marge Morgan

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 Minutes of September 8, 2009
- From the Committee on Ministry –
 - Grant the status of Honorably Retired to the Rev. Wayne McLaughlin effective January 1, 2010
 - 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.
 - 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.

FY 2010 Budget

- FY 2010 Budget placed on the floor as the main motion. (Appendix C)
 - Narrative PowerPoint presentation was given on the proposed budget.
 - After an opportunity for questions and discussion, the motion passed on voice vote.

Treasurer’s Report

- Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet dated October 31, 2009. YTD Receipts \$567,834.66; YTD Disbursements \$571,357.72; Net Balance -\$3,523.06. Total Net Worth and Liabilities \$1,965,856.56.

COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS – Elder Joyce Hazlett

For action, the Committee on Nominations places the following names in nomination:
YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATE (YAAD) TO THE 219TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY
Marcus Lambright (Dayton: College Hill)
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 PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)
Class of 2012 Elder Tom Preisser (Dayton: Westminster)
Nominations opened to the floor. None received. Nominees elected on voice vote.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – The Rev. Brian Maguire

See consent Agenda for additional action items

For action, the committee recommends that the presbytery:

- Bradford: First - Extend the Commissioned Lay Pastor Covenant with Elder Irwin Roberts through December 31, 2009 at the current duties and terms.
Motion to amend/second – “through ~~December 31, 2009~~ February 28, 2010 at the current duties and terms.” Motion to amend passes on voice vote.
New main motion - Extend the Commissioned Lay Pastor Covenant with Elder Irwin Roberts through February 28, 2010 at the current duties and terms.
After an opportunity for questions and discussion, the motion passed on voice vote.

Recognition of retiring minister, Rev. Wayne McLaughlin

Expressions of thanksgiving of ministry shared. The Presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator.

In Memoriam – the presbytery was led in prayer for the life of the Rev. Warren Macready (Appendix D)

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

- Beaver Creek: Kirkmont – Approved the request from the Rev. Carmen Garrigan and the Kirkmont congregation at a duly called meeting on August 30, 2009 to dissolve the Associate Pastor relationship effective November 18, 2009. Terms of severance – last Sunday of active ministry August 30, 2009 with unused vacation, continuing education leave and maternity leave continuing through November 18, 2009; salary/housing and medical/pension/death & disability/dental dues to continue at current terms through May 18, 2010 or until Rev. Garrigan begins a new pastoral position, whichever comes first; if new pastoral position assumed has lower than current compensation, difference in salary and housing will be paid by the church through May 18, 2010.
- Blue Ball – Completed triennial visit.
- Dayton: Central – Approved the renewal of the full-time Stated Supply appointment with the Rev. David E. Jackson for one year beginning November 29, 2009. Terms: cash salary \$29,345, housing allowance \$15,000, medical supplement reimb \$ 1,260, full medical/pension dues, auto reimb at IRS rate up to \$2,000, prof dev reimb \$1,000, 4 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave annually.
- Dayton: Fairmont – Approved the renewal of the full-time Stated Supply appointment with the Rev. Denise Ingram for twelve months beginning January 1, 2009. Terms: cash salary \$27,931; housing allowance \$19,000; medical supplement \$1,800; full medical/pension dues; professional expense reimbursement (travel, prof. development, etc.) \$6,000; four weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave annually.
- Huntsville – Approved the renewal of the full-time Interim Pastor covenant with the Rev. Karen Cassidy for twelve months beginning December 1, 2009. Terms: Cash Salary \$34,000, housing allowance \$16,000, medical reimbursement \$750, full medical/pension dues, SECA \$1,912, auto/professional reimbursement \$2,700, professional development reimbursement \$1,000, four weeks vacation and two weeks study leave annually.
- Lebanon – Approved the request of the Session to conduct a congregational meeting to organize an A.P.N.C.

- New Carlisle: Honey Creek – Approved the renewal of the part-time Stated Supply appointment of the Rev. Shelley Wiley for a period of twelve months beginning November 16, 2009, continuing the current terms of call.
- Piqua: Westminster – Approved the renewal of the full-time Stated Supply appointment of the Rev. Kazy Hinds for a period from October 22, 2009 through December 31, 2009, continuing the current terms of call.
- Troy: First – Complete triennial visit.
- Xenia: Memorial – Approved the renewal of the full-time Interim Pastor covenant with the Rev. Wayne McLaughlin for two months (November 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009), continuing the current terms.

ORDER OF THE DAY - “TECHNOLOGY IN THE CHURCH”

- All attendees were invited to attend two of the following 30 minute workshops:
 - “Technology & Record-keeping for Clerks” - Doris Arnett Whitaker
 - “Ethics of Internet” - Lisa Hess
 - “Social Networking” – Tom Harmon
 - “Church Communication & Technology” - 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
- The Presbytery reconvened in sanctuary

WORSHIP – The Rev. Thomas Harmon, preacher

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, CON’T.

- Business pulled from Consent Agenda for individual consideration
- Opportunity for Questions on Printed Reports

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at approximately 12 noon. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley is 9:00 a.m., Saturday, February 13, 2010, at Trinity Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio.

Attest:

Doris Arnett Whitaker, Stated Clerk

APPENDICES:

- A. Dayton: Central – Minutes from the Administrative Commission
- B. Yellow Springs: First – Minutes from the Administrative Commission
- C. FY 2010 Budget
- D. In Memoriam – The Rev. Warren Macready

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL
February 13, 2010

Anonymous Communications Policy

The Presbytery of Miami Valley does not consider information of any kind that is offered anonymously.

This includes telephone calls, emails and letters. This policy concerns information for which there is no verifiable attribution. It does not concern conversations/communications between parties that are appropriately private or confidential.

Telephone Communications:

1. Calls from unidentified persons will either not be passed through or will be disconnected.
2. Unidentified voice-mail messages will be deleted.

Postal Mail

1. All mail bearing no return address will be opened by the Office Manager of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.
2. The Office Manager will briefly scan the contents to determine if indeed the suspicion of anonymity is correct.
3. Letters determined to be anonymous will be shredded immediately.

This policy extends to all Committees, Commissions, Networks, Task Forces and Work Groups within the presbytery.

Rationale:

God sends the church in the power of the Holy Spirit to share with Christ in establishing God's just, peaceable, and loving rule in the world. God's reconciliation in Jesus Christ is the ground of justice and peace. The church in worship proclaims, receives, and enacts reconciliation in Jesus Christ and commits itself to strive for justice and peace in its own life and in the world.

(Book of Order, W-7.4001)

The church is called by Christ to be an agent of reconciliation. Individuals bringing allegations or accusations under cloaks of anonymity work directly against this call, because reconciliation, when concerned with others, can never be a unilateral action.

Anonymity precludes seeking redress or agreement, but rather fosters division as it allows neither substantiation nor attribution. Without these, there cannot be any sense of procedural integrity, the absence of which is an affront to our polity.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

February 13, 2010

1. Dayton: Trinity –
 - a. To approve the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Dr. Lutrelle Rainey, Sr. at his request effective February 15, 2010. This request was affirmed at a duly called meeting of the congregation on January 31, 2010. The terms of severance are as follows: cash salary, housing allowance and full medical pensions dues through December 27, 2010; payment of unused vacation and study leave days through February 14, 2010; reimbursement of travel mileage and prof dev expenses accrued through February 14, 2010; all personal belongings and books shall be removed from church property no later than February 15, 2010; moving expenses not to exceed \$8,000; compensation will end if Rev. Rainey obtains subsequent employment prior to December 27, 2010 at the same or above the current compensation; Rev. Rainey agrees to relieve or release any potential claims against Trinity Presbyterian Church, its officers, affiliates, represents, etc. as long as the church fulfills the terms of this agreement.
 - b. To appoint the Rev. Shelley Wiley moderator of Session until an interim pastor is contracted.

2. Wilmington - Authorize the Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission to work with the Presbyterian Church of Wilmington. 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:
 - a. 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;
 - b. To work with the Session, Pastor and Congregation in addressing issues of relationships and expectations among officers, staff and members;
 - c. 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;
 - d. 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);
 - e. 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.

Rationale: COM has become aware of serious, unresolved conflicts within the Presbyterian Church of Wilmington regarding the church's leadership that are endangering the life and ministry of the congregation.

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