

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

**TUESDAY, MAY 10, 2011  
4:00 PM**

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
20 South Walnut Street  
Troy, OH 45373  
937-339-1317

**Advance reservations are not  
required for dinner during the  
meeting.**

**Cost - \$5**

**Buy your ticket at the registration  
desk.**

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reservations must be made no later  
than **Friday, May 6** with  
First Presbyterian Church  
937-339-1317

## DIRECTIONS TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

20 South Walnut Street, Troy OH 45373

**From the South:** Exit for Rt. 41. Go east (R) toward town. Turn R on S. Walnut St. (one block past the fountain).

**From Sidney:** Take 1-75 South and exit for Route 41. Go east. Turn right on S. Walnut St. (one block past the fountain).

**From Urbana:** Take Route 55 West. Turn left on North Market St. Turn left on E. Franklin St. (one block past fountain).

**From Springfield:** Take Route 41 West. Turn left on S. Walnut St. (one block before fountain).

**Parking:** There are three lots across Walnut St. (2 are the churches, and one is a public lot). South on Walnut St. and east on Franklin St. street parking is available. Throughout the downtown area, there is 2 hr. parking until 6 pm, which means that anyone arriving after 4:00 can park in any spot downtown and not be ticketed. Volunteers will be available to help direct you to a parking lot.

**Handicapped accessibility:** The church's entrance on S. Walnut St. provides handicapped access to the Sanctuary and the lift-elevator. There are handicapped restrooms on all levels and in the church library (off the Narthex).

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**DOCKET OF THE PRESBYTERY OF THE MIAMI VALLEY**

Tuesday, May 10, 2011

First Presbyterian Church, Troy, Ohio

**GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

3:00 pm - Registration

- 4:00 CONVENING PRAYER – Elder Marge Morgan, Moderator
- Greetings from host church
  - Introductions of guests and new elders
  - Welcome to new pastors

HYMN

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK - Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker

- o Statement of Quorum & Formation of the Roll
- o Adoption of the Docket
- o Seat Corresponding Members
- o Correspondence Report and Reports from Administrative Commissions and Judicial Cases
- o Annual Statistical Report

REPORT OF THE VICE MODERATOR – Elder John Mauntler

- o Elections to the Committee on Nominations (for action)

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL – Rev. Bill Reisenweaver

**Consent Agenda** (for action)

From the Stated Clerk –

- o Approval of presbytery minutes of February 12, 2011 (stated) and February 15, 2011 (special)
- o Dissolve the Administrative Commission for Yellow Springs: First
- o Approval of the Lord's Supper at Kirkmont Center at summer camp
- o Redress the Imbalance of Ministers and Elders

From Committee on Ministry –

- o Dayton: Trinity – To renew the authorization for Elder Artence Walton to serve the sacrament of the Lord's Supper

**Council Report** for information only

**Report on Summer Camp at Kirkmont Center** – Kate Hopka

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Report on Synod Assembly** – Rev. Robert E. Jones and Elder Artence Walton

**Committee on Ministry** – Rev. Brian Maguire

- o Recognition of Retiring Certified Christian Educators
- o In Memoriam – The Rev. William Graham by Rev. Julia Wharff Piermont
- o Report for information

CONSENT AGENDA, CON'T

- Business pulled from Consent Agenda for individual consideration
- Opportunity for questions regarding written reports

4:45 ORDER OF THE DAY - **Committee on Nominations** – Rev. Carmen Garrigan

- Election of Officers and to presbytery committees (for action)

Hunger Offering Announcement & Table Grace

4:50 **Networks Support Committee** - Elder Tom Milligan

6:15 DINNER

**HEARING GOD'S WORD PROCLAIMED**

7:15 CHORAL ANTHEM

SCRIPTURE

SERMON - Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker, preaching

**RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

2010 Necrology Report

8:00 PROPOSED AMENDMENT FROM THE 219<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY – Part 2

- Belhar Confession (for action)

SACRAMENT OF THE LORDS' SUPPER

**GOING FORTH INTO GOD'S WORLD**

CLOSING HYMN

9:00 ADJOURNMENT with closing prayer

# Consent Agenda

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## **\*\*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.

The chairperson's contact information 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 STATED CLERK**

Consent Agenda

May 10, 2011

The Stated Clerk recommends that the presbytery:

1. Approve of Minutes of stated meeting on February 12, 2011 and the special meeting on February 15, 2011. (starting on page 5)
2. Dissolve the Administrative Commission for Yellow Springs: First with thanks effective immediately. (final report starting on page 21)
3. Approve the minutes of the Administrative Commission to ordain the Rev. Kevin Lawler and to dissolve the commission with thanks. (page 24)
4. Approve the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Kirkmont Center during the 2011 summer camping program provided that there are ministers of Word and Sacrament and elders presiding.
5. Approve the Redressing of Ministers and Elders (see pages 25 - 26)

Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker, Stated Clerk

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**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY**

Consent Agenda

May 10, 2011

The Committee recommends that the presbytery:

1. Dayton: Trinity – To renew the authorization for one year for Elder Artence Walton to serve the sacrament of the Lord’s Supper on those occasions when a minister of the Word and Sacrament is not available.

*Rationale:* Regular pastoral leadership has not yet been obtained by the Session and Elder Walton has completed the training for Commissioned Lay Pastors.

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

February 12, 2011

Mt. Pleasant Retirement Village, Monroe, Ohio

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

The meeting was convened with prayer and Call to Worship by Elder Marge Morgan, Moderator, at 9:05 a.m., Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Mt. Pleasant Retirement Village, Monroe, Ohio.

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

OFFICERS OF THE MIAMI PRESBYTERY:

Elder Marge Morgan (Moderator) - P  
Elder John Mauntler (Vice Moderator) - P  
Rev. Bill Reisenweaver (Council Chair) - P

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

MINISTERS ON ACTIVE ROLL

Angleberger, Kelley - P	Gockel, Stanley - E	Morrison, Wayne - P
Avotri, Solomon	Hamilton, Susan - P	Neely, John - P
Bain, Marcianna	Hanhart, Karel - P	Niece, Linda
Barnes, Barbara - P	Harmon, Thomas - P	Nowak, Jacqueline - E
Barnes, Mark - P	Helling, Michael - P	Pasanchin, Eric - P
Barr, Judith Dunlap	Hernandez, David	Pelaez-Diaz, Francisco - P
Battin, Barbara - P	Hess, Lisa - P	Person, John - P
Beres, Benjamin - P	Hinds III, Joe M. - P	Piermont, Julia Wharff - P
Brown, David JW	Hinds, Kathryn Blocher - P	Ramsey, Tom
Bryant, Kendall	Hodgkins, Nancy - P	Reisenweaver, William - P
Carter, Daniel - P	Horne, Kathy - P	Schenck, Angela
Cassedy, Karen - P	Horrigan, Kevin - P	Shin, Kelley Wehmeyer - P
Clark, Kathy - P	Horton, Anne - P	Shonle, John - P
Collins, David - P	Howard, Kenneth - P	Soards, Marion
Collins, Megan - P	Ingram, Denise - P	Springer, Linda
Conn, Arby - P	Ingram, Steven	Stewart, Raymond - P
Culp, Richard - P	Jackson, David E. - P	Testas, Chuck - P
Davis, Laurie - P	Jones, Robert E. - P	Thornton, Jesse
DeanBanion, Myra	Judd, David	Wade, Robert - P
Dillaman, Janet	Kim, Kwang Soo - P	Walker III, Richard
Doty, L. Timothy - P	Larson, Peter - P	Warren, Patrick - P
Douglass, Katherine	Lewis, John	Weston, Derrick - P
Dozeman, Thomas	Long, Joshua - P	Whitaker, Doris Arnett - P
Evans, Michael	Maguire, Brian - P	Wiley, Shelley - P
Foster, Jeffrey T. - P	Martin, Christopher - E	Wilson, Donald - E
Fulton, Rob	McConnel, George - P	Worthen, Merritt - P
Garrigan, Carmen - P	McCormick, Dwight - E	Ziegler, Diane

HONORABLY RETIRED MINISTERS (Excused unless attendance indicated)

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

ROLL OF CHURCHES

BEAVERCREEK: KIRKMONT	BELLE CENTER	BLUE BALL
Elder Pat Youther (CCE) - P	Elder Janice Shepherd - P	Elder Janet Collinsworth - P
Elder Ed Hermes - P	BELLEFONTAINE	BRADFORD
BELLBROOK	Elder	Elder Irwin Roberts (CLP) - P
Elder		Elder

CARLISLE: NEW JERSEY Elder Mary Ann Doliboa - P	FAIRBORN: FIRST Elder Shirley Schroer - P	SEVEN MILE Elder Lee Ault (CLP)
CEDARVILLE Elder Charlene Campbell - P	FARMERSVILLE: SLIFERS Elder Janice Kronour - P	Elder
CLIFTON Elder David Kearney - P	GREENVILLE: FIRST Elder Don T. Stevenson - P	SIDNEY: FIRST Elder
COLLINSVILLE Elder Michael Gabbard (CLP) - P Elder	HAMILTON: THE P. C. Elder Elder	SOMERVILLE Elder
COVINGTON Elder Virginia Watson - P	HAMILTON: WESTWOOD Elder Jodi Craiglow - P	SOUTH CHARLESTON: FIRST Elder
DAYTON: BATH Elder Mabel Geis - P	HUBER HEIGHTS: FAITH Elder	SPRINGBORO: COVENANT Elder Loretta Sebastian - P
DAYTON: CENTRAL Elder Robert Westfall - P	HUNTSVILLE Elder	SPRINGFIELD: COVENANT Elder Alice Tenney - P
DAYTON: COLLEGE HILL Elder Bob Davis - P	JAMESTOWN Elder Charles Brandel - P	SPRINGFIELD: NORTHMINSTER Elder Terry Rigio - P
DAYTON: CORINTH Elder Hank Baust - P	LEBANON Elder B. H. Wright, Jr. - P	SPRINGFIELD: OAKLAND Elder James Mitchell - P
DAYTON: FAIRMONT Elder Ed Schwinn - P Elder James Runkle - P	MIDDLETOWN: FIRST Elder Linda Borsk - P Elder Michael Jenkin - P	SPRINGHILL Elder
DAYTON: GOOD SHEPHERD Elder	MIDDLETOWN: ST. LUKE Elder	TRENTON: MT. OLIVET Elder Dan Hellmuth - P
DAYTON: IMMANUEL KOREAN Elder	MONROE Elder Neil Richmond - P	TROY: FIRST Elder Teri Okrunty - P Elder Ellen Luken - P
DAYTON: MEMORIAL Elder	MORNING SUN Elder	URBANA: FIRST Elder Peter Wallace - P
DAYTON: SOUTHWESTMINSTER Elder Jeanne McIver (CCE) Elder Marj Lawson - P Elder Anne Fyffe - P	NEW CARLISLE: HONEY CREEK Elder Beverly Quinn - P	WEST CARROLLTON: FIRST Elder Chuck Horne - P
DAYTON: SUGAR CREEK Elder Earl Johns - P	NEW PARIS Elder	WEST LIBERTY Elder
DAYTON: TRINITY Elder Evelyn Mobley - P	OXFORD Elder Prue Dana - P	WILMINGTON Elder
DAYTON: WESTMINSTER Elder Mark McCloskey - P Elder Georgie Woessner - P Elder Rebekah Bower - P	PIQUA: GOOD SHEPHERD Elder PIQUA: WESTMINSTER Elder	XENIA: MEMORIAL UNITED Elder
EATON: FIRST Elder	REILY Elder Dennis Scherzinger - P	XENIA: WESTMINSTER Elder Marty Freeman - P
	RUSHSVLVANIA Elder	YELLOW SPRINGS: FIRST Elder

#### ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY

Elder, Laurie (Council) - P	Milligan, Tom (Com chair)	Stahler, Jim (Council) - P
Hess, Carol (Council) - P	Morgan, Marge (Mod) - P	Walton, Artence (Com Chair) - P
Mauntler, John (V Mod) - P	Piermont, Dennis (EP) - P	

**Corresponding Members** – Rev. Dr. Joseph Small (Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky) and Rev. Karen Fleming (Church of the Nazarene)

**Ex-Officio Persons with Voice/No Vote** (not otherwise registered) – Elder Larry Hollar (Recording Clerk), Elder Pam Dobbins (Enrolling Clerk), Nadia Stropich (CCE)

**Inquirers and Candidates** (not otherwise registered) – Inquirer Kori Phillips, Candidate Kevin Lawler

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

**OPENING HYMN** “*Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*”

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

#### Preliminary Business

- A quorum was declared and on motion/second, the roll was formed by signatures obtained during registration showing an attendance of sixty-one (61) ministers of Word and Sacrament, forty-six (46) elder commissioners (representing thirty-seven [37] churches), and seven (7) elder members of presbytery: one hundred and fourteen (114) voting members. Also present and not otherwise registered were, two (2) alternate commissioners, two (2) corresponding members, three (3) ex-officio with voice/no vote, two (2) inquirer/candidates, one (1) staff member of the presbytery, and fourteen (14) registered visitors for a total registered attendance of one hundred and thirty-eight (138).
- On motion/second, the docket was adopted as amended.

### **Corresponding Members**

- On motion/second, the following persons were seated as corresponding members:  
The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Small (Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky)  
The Rev. Karen Fleming (Church of the Nazarene)

### **Correspondence report** (November 11, 2010 through February 10, 2011)

- From the Office of the General Assembly
  - New per capita brochure
  - Information regarding GA Nominating Committee
- From the Board of Pensions – Delinquency reports
- Minister membership changes (since last presbytery meeting) –  
Losses – Drew Elling (to Greater Atlanta), Janine Wilson (to UCC)  
Gains – Anne Horton (from Southern Kansas)  
In transition – none

### **Judicial Cases**

- Case # 2010-01 – The Investigating Committee has completed its investigation and is now writing its final report.

### **Administrative Commissions**

- Wilmington (Appendix A)
- Yellow Springs: First (Appendix B)

### **Annual Statistical Report** – Churches and Ministers (Appendix C)

### **Voting on Proposed Amendments to the Constitution**

- Instructions given on balloting process; presbytery was reminded who had the privilege of voting
- Brief tutorial on basics of parliamentary procedure was presented
- Motion – limit debate per person to two (2) minutes for all proposed amendments. Second obtained. Passed on voice vote with the Moderator declaring at least a two-thirds vote in the affirmative.

### **HOSPITALITY REPORT**

- Greetings were given by the Rev. Karen Fleming, chaplain for Mt. Pleasant Retirement Village
- New elders and guests were introduced
- New pastor, the Rev. Anne Horton, was welcomed

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON** – Elder John Mauntler

### **REPORT OF THE COUNCIL** – The Rev. Bill Reisenweaver

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

From the Stated Clerk

- Approve of Minutes of stated meeting November 13, 2010

From the Council

- Approve the request of the Board of Trustees to sell the house and property adjacent to Kirkmont Center at an asking price established by two realtors with knowledge of Logan County real estate; and that any subsequent sale will be brought to the presbytery for final approval.

From the Committee on Ministry

- Bradford: First – Renew the part-time (14 hours per week) Commissioned Lay Pastor Covenant with Elder Irwin Roberts for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. 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: Effective Salary \$7,444, mileage and prof exp reimb \$2,600, continuing education reimbursement \$1,010, four (4) weeks vacation and two (2) weeks study leave.
- Collinsville – Renew the part-time (20 hours per week) Commissioned Lay Pastor Covenant with Elder Michael Gabbard for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. 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: Effective Salary \$15,324, continuing education reimbursement \$1,020, four (4) weeks vacation and two (2) weeks study leave.

- Seven Mile - Renew the part-time (20 hours per week) Commissioned Lay Pastor Covenant with Elder Lee Ault for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. 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: Effective Salary \$22,000, travel reimbursement @ \$.45 per mile up to \$2500; continuing education reimbursement \$1,500, five (5) weeks vacation and two (2) weeks study leave.
- Renew continuing membership to the Rev. Katherine Douglass as a member-at-large; and the Rev. Solomon Avotri as a minister in validated ministry (seminary professor) for the remainder of the 2010-2011 academic year.
- Transfer the Rev. Myra Dean Banion to the inactive membership list.

The Stated Clerk, the Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker excused herself from the body and Elder Larry Hollar assumed the role of clerk.

#### **Report from Staff Services – The Rev. Kazy Blocher Hinds**

For action, the Staff Services Committee through the Council, recommend that the Presbytery:

- Re-elect the Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker for a new three year term as Stated Clerk commencing May 10, 2011; and that the Presbytery suspend the Standing Rules which calls for a new open search for candidates for the position. Opportunity given for discussion and debate. Passed on voice vote with the Moderator declaring at least a two-thirds vote in the affirmative.

The Stated Clerk returned to the body and resumed the role of clerk.

#### **In Memoriam for Elder Robert Kienzle – The Rev. Eric Pasanchin and the Rev. Bill Philips (Appendix D)**

#### **Docket Interruption**

- A minister member rose to the microphone and was recognized by the Moderator. The presbyter proceeded to complain against the Council for a perceived lack of preparation given in advance of taking action on proposed amendments from the 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly. The presbyter continued to speak even after the Moderator asked that he stop and sit down. Eventually, the Moderator ruled the presbyter out of order. The presbyter was encouraged to write his concerns directly to the Council.

**For action**, the Stated Clerk recommends that the Presbytery:

- Approve the request for the celebration of the Lord's Supper at the 2011 Spring Youth Rally at Kirkmont Center with the Rev. Nancy Hodgkins as celebrant. Seconded. Passed on voice vote.

#### **Treasurer's Report**

- Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet year-end December 2010. YTD Receipts \$680,324.18; YTD Disbursements \$594,762.35; Net Balance \$85,561.83. Total Net Worth and Liabilities \$2,088,412.17.
- Treasurer Report and Balance Sheet through January 2011 distributed. YTD Receipts \$79,938.21; YTD Disbursements \$58,240.27; Net Balance \$21,697.94. Total Net Worth and Liabilities \$2,154,874.28.

**For information**, the Council reports actions taken on behalf of the presbytery:

- Approved the celebration of the Lord's Supper for the February presbytery meeting.
- Increased the compensation for Internet/Website/IT Manager to \$10,000 annually due to increased expectations and duties. There is no effect on the proposed spending of 2011 budget as it calls only for a re-allocation of fund from the line items for treasurer and bookkeeper positions as the actual spending in 2010 for these positions was considerably below budget. There is no change in the hourly rate of compensation.

- Received the report from the Board of Trustees on the significant damage done to the house adjacent to Kirkmont Center by previous tenants. A reasonable market value at sale less than \$185,000; to date loss since presbytery bought house is -\$16,640.71. Council encouraged the Board of Trustees to explore possibility of using volunteer church groups for labor in fixing the house.
- Kirkmont Center Board of Trustees – Appointed the Rev. Derrick Weston as the Council representative to the Board, ex-officio with voice, no vote.
- Extended an invitation to the New Executive Presbyter for the Synod of the Covenant, the Rev. Raafat L. Zaki, to attend either the May or September presbytery meeting.
- Reaffirmed the Council decision to schedule special meetings of the presbytery in 2010-2011 for the purpose of examination of candidates for ordination.

## **HEARING GOD’S WORD PROCLAIMED**

### **HAND BELL CHOIR ANTHEMS**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**      Jeremiah 28:1-9

**SERMON**                    *“Prophets’ Predictions”*                    The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Small

### **PRESENTATION AND BREAK-OUT CONVERSATIONS ON THE BELHAR CONFESSION**

- Background information presented by the Rev. Dr. Joe Small
- Presbytery divided into small groups for conversation/discussion
- Full Presbytery reconvened at 11:30 a.m.

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

**SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER** – The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Small, officiating

**HYMN**                    *“Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim”*

**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS** – The Rev. Carmen Garrigan

Nominations were made as follows:

**COUNCIL (CNCL)**

Class of 2012      Rev. Chuck Testas

**KIRKMONT CENTER, INC. BOARD OF TRUSTEES (KCI)**

Class of 2012      Rev. Rob Fulton

Nominations were opened to the floor. None received. Elections passed on voice vote.

The Committee reports the following resignations:

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (COM)**

Class of 2012      Rev. Dwight McCormick

**ORDER OF THE DAY** – Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Part 3 (for action)

- The Presbytery was reminded of the processing for voting and that Dissent Forms were available at the clerk’s table if needed.
- The following amendments were presented to the Presbytery as a consent agenda with the motion “Shall the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church be amended by adoption of the following amendments:
  - 10-B    Removing Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session – On Amending G-9.0203b
  - 10-C    Requiring Sexual Misconduct Policy – On Amending G-0.0404
  - 10-D    Nominating Committees – On Amending G- G-9.0801a
  - 10-G    Synod Function—On Amending G-12.0100
  - 10-H    Nominations Process—On Amending G-13.0108, G-13.0111a, and G-13.02
  - 10-I    Prayer Added to Ordination and Installation Services— On Amending W-4.4003h, W-4.4004a(2) and W-4.4006b(2)
  - 10-J    Stay of Enforcement—On Amending D-6.0103
  - 10-K    Preliminary Questions—On Amending D-6.0306, D-8.0302, and D-13.0302
  - 10-L    Reviewing Work of Investigating Committee—On Amending

- D-10.0202
- 10-M Time Limit—On Amending D-10.0401
- 10-N Appeal of “Not Guilty” Verdict—On Amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106
- 10-O Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission—On Amending D-13.0404

Amendments 10-N and 10-O were pulled from the consent agenda.

After an opportunity to ask questions, the presbytery was instructed to mark the ballots.

- The following amendment was presented to the Presbytery with the motion “Shall the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church be amended by adoption of the following amendments:
  - 10-N Appeal of “Not Guilty” Verdict—On Amending D-13.0102 and D-13.0106
 After an opportunity for discussion and debate, the presbytery was instructed to mark the ballots.
- The following amendment was presented to the Presbytery with the motion “Shall the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church be amended by adoption of the following amendments:
  - 10-O Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission—On Amending D-13.0404
 After an opportunity for discussion and debate, the presbytery was instructed to mark the ballots.
- The following amendments were presented to the Presbytery as a consent agenda with the motion “Shall the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church be amended by adoption of the following amendments:
  - 10-E Presbytery Rolls and Registers—On Amending G-11.0407
  - 10-F Certified Christian Educators—On Amending G-11.0407 and G-14.0730
 After an opportunity to pull an item of business and to ask questions, the presbytery was instructed to mark the ballots.
- The following amendment was presented to the Presbytery with the motion “Shall the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church be amended by adoption of the following amendments:
  - 10-A Gifts and Requirements – On Amending G-6.0106b

Motion from the Floor - *Regarding the controversy over ordination standards...Humbly acknowledging that the Lord has not blessed the church with a unity of conscience; the church is likely to have a large minority on this issue for the foreseeable future (no matter which side is in majority), and that nationally driven & seemingly irrepressible ‘walls of hostility’ draw us away from behavior easily identifiable as Christ-minded, regularly inhibiting a deepening discipleship with one another, I move that the Presbytery of the Miami Valley:*

  1. *Take no action on Amendment 10A, but with this action of non-action, the PMV*
    - a. *Instructs the Stated Clerk to tender the PMV vote as not a “no” but an abstention duly accorded by Robert’s Rules of Order (i.e. acting in gentle disobedience to imposed national polarization)*
    - b. *Instructs the Moderator (resourced by Council) to appoint a task force of both affirming and dissenting voices to this action for purposes of communication as an interpretation of non-action to the church at large (i.e. web-site, print materials, social media, blogs)*

A second was obtained.  
 After conferring with the Stated Clerk, the Moderator declared this to be a Substitute Motion.  
 A brief tutorial on Substitute Motions was presented.  
 The Moderator declared the Main Motion perfected.  
 The Moderator invited the Presbytery to offer motions to amend the Substitute Motion.  
 Motion to amend #1a: “...the PMV vote as ~~not a “no”~~ a yes but an abstention...”  
 A second was obtained.  
 After an opportunity for questions and clarification from the maker of the motion and conferring with the Stated Clerk, the Moderator determined that this amendment to be a rejection of the intent of the substitute motion and declared it out of order.  
 Motion to amend #1b: “...interpretation of non-action *and alternative action*” to the church...”  
 A second was obtained.  
 After an opportunity for questions and debate, the motion to amend passes by voice vote.  
 Motion to amend #1b: “...of communication ~~as an~~ and interpretation of non-action...”  
 A second was obtained.

After an opportunity for questions and debate, the motion to amend passes by voice vote. Hearing no more calls for amendments, the Moderator declared the Substitute Motion perfected. The Moderator asks the Presbytery, "Shall the Substitute Motion become the Main Motion?" The floor was opened to discussion and debate hearing alternatively pro and con statements. After lengthy and at times heated debate, the motion was made to end debate. A second was obtained. The Moderator led the Presbytery in prayer. The vote on the motion, "Shall the Substitute Motion become the Main Motion?" was conducted by raising of hands. Final count – 49 ayes – 57 nays – 1 abstention. Motion is defeated.

Ballots collected on amendments 10-B through 10-O by counters recruited by the Council.

Table Grace – The Rev. Karen Fleming

Hunger Offering will be distributed as follows: ½ Presbyterian Hunger Program and ½ Choice Food Pantry, Middletown, Ohio

Recessed for lunch at 1:15 p.m.

Presbytery reconvened at 2:05 p.m.

**ORDER OF THE DAY** – Proposed Amendments to the Constitution – Part 3, con't.

- The Presbytery was reminded of the motion currently on the floor, "Shall the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church be amended by adoption of the following amendments:

10-A Gifts and Requirements – On Amending G-6.0106b

After an opportunity to discuss and debate, a motion to end debate was made and second obtained. Passed on voice vote.

The Presbytery was instructed to enter their vote on the ballot to be collected by the counters.

**COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY** – The Rev. Megan Collins

**For action**, the committee recommends that the Presbytery:

- Examine Inquirer Kori Phillips (Dayton: Westminster) for Candidacy.
- Ms. Phillips read her 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, Ms. Phillips was approved for candidacy in preparation for the office of minister of Word and Sacrament.
- Moderator Marge Morgan asked the new candidate questions of intent which were answered in the affirmative; charged the candidate; and led the presbytery in prayer. Ms. Phillip's name was recorded on the presbytery's roll of candidates.

**For action**, the committee recommends that the Presbytery:

- Approve the alternative ordination examination request in Worship and Sacraments for Candidate Andy Clark (Xenia: Memorial).

**Process:**

In keeping with the suggested examination procedures suggested by the Offices of Preparation for Ministry and Examination, PC (USA)<sup>1</sup>, Mr. Clark will be examined in an alternative written examination by a panel organized by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry of the Presbytery of Miami Valley.

The examination shall consist of three questions taken from previous ordination exams. The exam will be proctored and graded by four (4) members of the Presbytery chosen by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. The only exceptional allowance will be additional time to complete the exam.

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

- Enrolled Mr. Manassas Fonteles (Dayton: College Hill) as Inquirer on December 16, 2010

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<sup>1</sup> Document dated March 2004, "Alternative Examination Procedures (G-14.0313b): Caring for Candidates Who Are Having Difficulty Passing Ordination Exams."

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY** – The Rev. Brian Maguire  
*See consent Agenda for additional action items*

The recognition of retiring Certified Christian Educators has been postponed to the May 2011 meeting.

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

- Bellbrook – Appointed the Rev. Stan Gockel (previously served as interim pastor) as the full-time Stated Supply pastor of Bellbrook Presbyterian Church effective February 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012, and appointed him as moderator of Session. Terms: effective salary \$50,960, retirement \$8154 (American Baptist Retirement Plan), travel reimb \$2000, continuing education reimb \$1020, professional expenses reimb \$800, four wks vacation and two wks study leave.
- Cedarville: United - Appointed the Rev. Anne Horton as full-time Interim Pastor effective January 15, 2011 through January 14, 2012, and appointed her the moderator of Session. Terms: effective salary \$33,500, full use of the church manse with utilities paid by the church, full medical/pension dues, SECA allowance \$3309, travel reimb up to \$2400, continuing education reimb \$1200, and professional expenses reimb \$660.00, four wks vacation and two wks study leave.
- Dayton: Central - Granted the request from the Session to form a pastor nominating committee.
- Dayton: Fairmont – Renewed the full time stated supply appointment of the Rev. Denise Ingram as associate pastor at Fairmont Presbytery Church effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011 on the following terms: effective salary \$51,167, full medical/pension dues, professional development reimb \$1020, professional expenses reimb \$2980, four wks vacation and two wks study leave.
- Dayton: Southminster – Appointed the Rev. Jacqueline Nowak as the part-time (30 hours a week) Stated Supply Associate Pastor for Care Ministries beginning January 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011. Terms: effective salary \$35,634; medical/pension dues; SECA allowance \$2,762; continuing education \$1,020; professional expenses \$250; travel reimbursement \$1,250, four wks vacation and two wks study leave.
- New Carlisle: Honey Creek – Completed the Triennial Visit.
- Sidney: First - Approved the action of Congregation of Sidney Presbyterian Church of December 16, 2010, by and with the concurrence of the Session and the pastor, to dissolve the designated pastoral relationship between the Rev. Joe Hinds and the church effective December 31, 2010 and to move Rev. Hinds membership status to that of member-at-large in the Presbytery effective that date.
- Sidney: First – Appointed the Rev. David Fleming as moderator of Session effective January 2011.
- Yellow Springs: First - Appoint the Rev. Joe Hinds as part-time (18 hrs per week) Stated Supply pastor of First Presbyterian Church Yellow Springs beginning January 25, 2011 through December 31, 2011, and appointed him as moderator of session. Terms: effective salary \$23,500, travel reimbursement \$500, professional development reimb \$500, professional expenses reimb \$500, 4 wks vacation and 2 wks study leave. By this motion the COM also moves Rev. Hinds' membership to that of active effective January 25, 2011.
- Xenia: Memorial - Appointed the Rev. Kelley Shin (previously served as interim pastor) as full-time Stated Supply Pastor beginning February 1, 2011 thru December 31, 2011, and appointed her as moderator of Session. Terms: Salary \$52,000, full medical/pension dues, SECA allowance \$3,100; travel reimbursement up to \$1,500, professional expenses & continuing education reimb up to \$1,500 annually, four wks, 2 wks study leave.
- Certified the Rev. Steven Ingram, pastoral counselor of Miami Valley Pastoral Counseling, as a minister in good standing with the Presbytery of the Miami Valley for the American Association of Pastoral Counselors and further certify that his service as a pastoral counselor has been validated by the Presbytery as a specialized ministry.
- Transferred the Rev. Janine Wilsons's credentials to the Central Southeast Ohio Association of the United Church of Christ as she is now a member of the association and is serving one of its member churches.

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION – VOTE RESULTS** (ayes/nays/abstentions)

- 10-A Gifts and Requirements – Concurred (58/36/4)
- 10-B Removing Stated Clerk or Clerk of Session – Concurred (93/8/6)
- 10-C Requiring Sexual Misconduct Policy – Concurred (92/12/3)
- 10-D Nominating Committees – Concurred (97/3/6)

- 10-E Presbytery Rolls and Registers – Concurred (93/8/5)
- 10-F Certified Christian Educators – Concurred (94/7/5)
- 10-G Synod Function – Concurred (99/2/6)
- 10-H Nominations Process – Concurred (99/2/6)
- 10-I Prayer Added to Ordination and Installation Services – Concurred (99/4/4)
- 10-J Stay of Enforcement – Concurred (98/2/8)
- 10-K Preliminary Questions – Concurred (100/1/6)
- 10-L Reviewing Work of Investigating Committee – Concurred (98/3/5)
- 10-M Time Limit – Concurred (92/10/5)
- 10-N Appeal of “Not Guilty” Verdict – Non-Concur (21/83/3)
- 10-O Decision of Permanent Judicial Commission – Non-Concur (18/86/3)

**REPORT OF THE COUNCIL, CON’T.**

- o Opportunity for Questions on Printed Reports

**GOING FORTH INTO GOD’S WORLD**

**CLOSING HYMN**                    *“Lift Every Voice and Sing”*

The meeting was adjourned with prayer at approximately 2:40 p.m. The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley is Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Troy, Ohio

Attest:

Doris Arnett Whitaker, Stated Clerk

**APPENDICES:**

- A. Administrative Commission of Wilmington
- B. Administrative Commission of Yellow Springs
- C. 2010 Statistical Report – Churches and Ministers
- D. In Memoriam – Elder Robert Kienzle

APPENDIX A  
**P.C. of Wilmington - Administrative Commission  
Minutes 1/12/11**

Present: Dave Foubert, Arby Conn, Karen Cassedy, Dennis Piermont (EP)  
Absent: Mike Helling, Tom Staton, George Lamb, Joyce Hazlett

Dave Foubert opened the meeting with prayer.

From the January 10, 2011, PCOW Session meeting:

- Session voted a 5% decrease in salary for all staff members to balance the budget.
- They were seeking to remedy a \$30,000 deficit. There is apparently c. \$350,000 in an undesignated memorial fund, which they declined to tap to cover the deficit.
- Session participated well in the discussion.
- The Personnel Committee has established goals for David Judd, which seem manageable.
- Session has agreed to have a coach, and Julia Wharff Piermont has agreed to be the coach.
- There will be a congregational meeting on January 23 to vote on Pastor's Terms of Call.
- The next Session meeting will be Mon. Feb. 21, at 7:00 pm.

We discussed next steps.

The next AC meeting will be Thurs., Jan. 20, at 1:00 pm.

Minutes taken by Karen Cassedy.

APPENDIX B  
**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY  
ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION (AC) (YELLOW SPRINGS) MINUTES**  
November 4, 2010  
Covenant Presbyterian Church (Springfield)

Commission Members in attendance: Elder Les Ferguson (Westminster Dayton); Rev Rob Fulton (Bellefontaine); Elder Marge Lawson (Southminster); Elder Michael Seewer (Fairborn: First); Rev Ray Stewart (Springfield Covenant); Elder Pat Youther (Beavercreek Kirkmont).

Others in attendance: Rev David Brown (Beavercreek Kirkmont) and the following members of the Yellow Springs First Presbyterian Church's Session: Elders Ruth Bent, Fran LaSalle, Barbara Boettcher, Jeanna Breza, Kay Reimers, and their Clerk of Session, Bev Price.

Elder Seewer called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. and offered prayer for guidance in the commission's work.

Acceptance of the minutes of the October 28 meeting was deferred until the next meeting of the AC.

The first few minutes of the meeting were spent in introduction, for many of those present had not had a chance to meet each other.

Elder Seewer provided a brief review of the process the Administrative Commission and the church's Session are undergoing to find a suitable Stated Supply pastor. Elders Reimers and Bent raised some concerns over communication and lack of process clarification. The Session has developed a Strategic Plan and wishes to make sure that plan is in agreement with the long-term vision the Presbytery has for the church. Elder Reimers mentioned that she thought she was restricted from asking a pastor under consideration by the church for any position to act as "pulpit supply". AC members knew of no such restriction. As previously voiced, every effort would be made to facilitate improved communication throughout the process.

The church confirmed that they have received Rev Joe Hinds' Personal Information File (PIF) for review, but had wanted to await this meeting for clarification on a few points before taking any specific action. One point of possible confusion was the fact that the PIF described someone currently holding a full time position with another church yet expressing interest in a part time position. Elder Seewer, the AC chair, was able to clear up this concern by stating that Rev Hinds is nearing the end of his current term with another church, is aware of the nature of Yellow Springs opening, and has expressed interest in being considered for that position.

The AC strongly encouraged the church to communicate with two previously considered candidates (Rev Kelley Angleberger and Rev Bill Walthour) for the stated supply position their appreciation for having visited and participating in the search process and make it clear where they stood. It became obvious that the Yellow Springs Elders were under the impression that they have three candidates from which to chose. Elder Ferguson asked for clarification and pointed out that it was both the AC's and the COM's understanding that only Rev Hinds is to be considered at this time. Session members asked for clear direction regarding this point and were assured an answer would be provided as soon as possible.

Elder Seewer pointed out the church members / committee responsible for "the search" will need to go back to Session for approval on their motion. Rev Brown will moderate that meeting or will be responsible for appointing his stand-in. He asked to be informed who was on that committee and to see the minutes of their meetings throughout the process. Members of the AC asked that previous minutes of such meetings (interviews with Rev Kelley Angleberger and Rev Bill Walthour) be provided. Members of the AC encouraged the church to set up an interview with Rev Hinds and expedite the process.

Rev Rob Fulton suggested they seriously consider expanding the language of the job description to include Head of Staff and provided his rationale. Elder Marge Lawson expanded on the importance of such language as well as clarification of authority and responsibility. She also responded to a question regarding the difference between a designated pastor and a stated supply pastor.

Rev Rob Fulton closed the meeting with prayer.

The next meeting of the AC is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov 16, at 4:00 p.m., at the Springfield Covenant Church.

Respectfully submitted,

Elder Les Ferguson  
Recorder

**Administrative Commission for Yellow Springs Presbyterian Church  
December 14, 2010**

**In attendance:** Rev. Rob Fulton, Elder Marj Lawson, Rev. David Jackson, Elder Michael Seewer (Chair), Rev. Ray Stewart, Elder Pat Youter.

Michael opened the meeting with prayer.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the November 16, 2010, AC meeting were approved with the correction of the day to Tuesday.

**Stated Supply Pastor**

Michael reported on the meeting of the Yellow Spring Search Committee with The Rev. Joe Hinds. Michael and Dennis Piermont were also present at the meeting, which took place on November 30. The goal of the meeting was to discuss terms of contract for Rev. Hinds to serve as the Stated Supply Pastor for the Yellow Springs church. Rev. Hinds indicated that he is currently waiting for an interview in mid-January with another church. He will not make a decision about Yellow Springs until after that interview takes place.

Michael also reported that he and Elder Les Ferguson reported the status of Yellow Springs and the AC at the November 30 Committee on Ministry meeting.

### **Yellows Spring Session Meeting**

Michael and Pat reported on the Yellow Springs Session meeting, which took place on December 9, 2010. The Nominating Team worked quickly and well; they need one more candidate for Deacon. Rev. David Brown, who is moderating Session, will hold Officer Training on January 5; the Session was enthusiastic about the prospect of the training.

There was discussion about the Stated Supply contract. During that discussion, the Session indicated that some members of the congregation were resistant, especially to the Stewardship campaign, because of there being a second AC in place.

The Session agreed to review and update their Personnel policies. Marj will contact them and offer to consult with them. She will check to see that the Stated Supply Pastor job description has been revised and updated. She will also take them information about other possible grants.

Michael and Marj will attend the next Session meeting on January 13, 2011.

**Next Meeting:** The next AC meeting will be at 4:00 p.m., on January 18, 2011, at Springfield: Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Marj closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Youther

APPENDIX C  
**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**  
**2010 Annual Statistics**  
**Presbytery of the Miami Valley**  
**As of December 31, 2010**

CONGREGATIONS

Number of Congregations as of January 1, 2010	62	
New Church Developments - 0		
Losses	0	
Gains	0	
<b>Congregations as of Dec. 31, 2010</b>	<b>62</b>	
New Church Developments - 0		

MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT ON ACTIVE ROLL

Ministers as of January 1, 2010	124	
Losses		
Deaths	1	
Dismissed to other Presbyteries	4	
Removed from roll	1	
<i>Net Losses</i>	<i>6</i>	
Gains		
Received from other Presbyteries	1	
Ordained	2	
<i>Net Gains</i>	<i>3</i>	
<b>Ministers on Active Roll as of December 31, 2010</b>	<b>121</b>	

MINISTERS BY CATEGORY\* AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2010 (ACTIVE AND INACTIVE ROLL)

Installed Pastors	40	
Interims/Stated Supplies	13	
Ministers in Specialized Ministry	17	
Members at Large	8	
Honorably Retired	44	
Inactive Members	1	
Temporary Members	5	

*\*may not total actual membership since some individuals are reported in more than one category*

APPENDIX D  
**IN MEMORIAM**  
Elder Robert H. Kienzle



Robert H. Kienzle, age 78 of Kettering, departed this life to be with the Lord on Friday, Dec. 24, 2010. Bob was born Dec. 24, 1932 in Pittsburgh, PA. He was a strong man of faith, loving husband, father & grandfather. Survived by his wife Martha of 52 years, sons James (Lorraine), Carl & Paul (Shari), grandchildren Bianca, Mia & Sophia.

Bob was an elder & member of Southminster Presbyterian Church, served as past moderator of both Miami Presbytery & Synod of the Covenant & active in numerous committees. Bob graduated from Hamilton High School & Miami University. He served for 35 years as a civilian employee of the US Air Force. A dedicated volunteer of several organizations including WDPR classical radio, Southeast Fish food pantry, The Grimmy award winner & literacy tutor with Project Read, the Hospitality Network & Miami Valley Hospital.

A Service of Witness to the Resurrection was held on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at Southminster Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Jacqueline Nowak and the Rev. Megan Collins officiating.

In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Southminster Presbyterian Church or to any cancer related charity in Bob's memory.

**MINUTES FROM THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE MIAMI PRESBYTERY**

February 15, 2011

Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio

The meeting was convened with prayer by the Elder Marge Morgan, Moderator, at 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, February 15, 2011, at the Memorial Presbyterian Church, Dayton, Ohio.

LEGEND: P = Present E = Excused

**OFFICERS OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MIAMI VALLEY:**

Elder Marge Morgan (Moderator) – P	Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker (Stated Clerk) - P
Elder John Mauntler (Vice Moderator) – P	Elder Larry Hollar (Recording Clerk) - E
Rev. William Reisenweaver (Council Chair) – P	Elder Pam Dobbins (Enrolling Clerk) - E

**MINISTERS**

Cassedy, Karen	- P	Jones, Robert E.	- P
Davis, Laurie	- P	Long, Joshua	- E
Hamilton, Sue	- E	Maguire, Brian	- P
Harmon, Thomas	- P	Nowak, Jacqueline	- P
Helling, Michael	- P	Piermont, Julia Wharff	- P
Hess, Lisa	- P	Reisenweaver, William	- P
Hookey, Joe	- P	Whitaker, Doris Arnett	- P
Jackson, David E.	- E	Wiley, Shelley	- P

**ROLL OF CHURCHES (ELDERS)**

BELLBROOK		DAYTON: WESTMINSTER	
Rader, Ben	- P	Merz, Sue	- E
BLUE BALL		FAIRBORN: FIRST	
Till, Stan	- P	Hazlett, Joyce	- P
COVINGTON		SOUTH CHARLESTON	
Schultz, Ron	- E	Staton, Tom	- P
DAYTON: SUGAR CREEK			
Gordon, Ruth	- P		

**ELDER MEMBERS OF PRESBYTERY**

Mauntler, John (V. Mod)	- P
Morgan, Marge (Mod)	- P
Piermont, Dennis (EP)	- P

**Inquirer/Candidates:** Candidate Kevin Lawler

**Presbytery Staff:** Tom Oxley

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK:**

- o On motion, a quorum was declared and the roll was formed by signatures obtained during registration showing an attendance of thirteen (13) ministers of Word and Sacrament, five (5) elder commissioners [representing five (5) churches], and three (3) elder members of presbytery: a total of twenty-six (26) voting members. In addition, one (1) candidate, thirteen (13) visitors and one (1) staff member were registered for a total registration of forty-one (41).
- o On January 13, 2011, the Moderator received the request to schedule a special meeting for the sole purpose of examining Candidate Kevin Lawler for ordination as a minister of Word and Sacrament. The request came from three elders and seven ministers, all members of the Committee on Ministry.
- o The Moderator reminded the presbytery that business was confined to the call of the meeting; no new business could be introduced.

**COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – Rev. Joe Hookey**

For information, the committee reports action taken on behalf of the Presbytery on November 30, 2011:

- o Approved the part-time (15 hours per week) Stated Supply appointment of Mr. Lawler to the Blue Ball Presbyterian Church and determined this appointment to be an ordainable position, for one year beginning the date of ordination. Terms: effective salary \$14,733.00, medical

expense reimbursement \$1,000.00, continuing education \$1,010.00, professional expenses \$500.00, mileage at the IRS rate, 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks of study leave.

The committee recommends that the presbytery examine Candidate Kevin Lawler for ordination.

- Rev. Hookey reported to the presbytery that the candidate was granted permission by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to circulate his dossier and seek a call. A sub-committee of the Committee on Ministry recommends that, pending successful examination for ordination, Mr. Lawler be enrolled as member of the presbytery upon ordination.
- Mr. Lawler read his statement of faith and was examined by the presbytery. On motion/second, the examination was arrested, the candidate was led out of the room and the presbytery was given the opportunity for debate and discussion.
- On motion from COM, Mr. Lawler was approved for ordination as minister of Word and Sacrament; and to be enrolled as a member of the Presbytery of Miami Valley.
- Mr. Lawler returned and the presbytery was led in prayer by the Moderator.
- On motion/second, the presbytery authorized the appointment of an Administrative Commission to ordain Mr. Lawler as minister of Word and Sacrament on Saturday, March 12, 2011, 2:00 p.m. at Blue Ball Presbyterian Church . Commission members: Elder Marge Morgan, Moderator (Dayton: Sugar Creek), Elder John Mauntler (Troy: First), Elder Stan Till (Blue Ball), Rev. Joe Hookey and Rev. Jacqueline Nowak. The Rev. Dr. Bruce F. Mase, HR (Presbytery of Maumee Valley) will be seated as a corresponding member.

Having completed the docket for this special meeting, the Moderator closed the meeting with prayer at 5:15 p.m.

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley is Tuesday, May 10, 2011, 4:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church, Troy, Ohio.

Attest:

Doris Arnett Whitaker  
Stated Clerk

**Yellow Springs Administrative Commission**  
**April 12, 2011**

**In attendance:** Elder Les Ferguson, Rev. Rob Fulton, Rev. David Jackson, Elder Marj Lawson, Elder Michael Seewer, Rev. Ray Stewart, Elder Pat Youther.

Michael called the meeting to order and opened with prayer.

The minutes of the February 15, 2011, meeting were approved as written.

**COM Report**

Michael reported that he told COM that he had attended the March 27 worship service at Yellow Spring. The construction and extensive repairs to the Sanctuary and the front steps has been completed. The congregation's response to Stated Supply Pastor Rev. Joe Hinds has been very positive.

**Yellow Springs Session Meetings**

Michael and Marj attended the March 10 meeting. They reported that the meeting was well-organized, very positive, and energetic. Michael and Marj will attend the April 14 meeting as well.

**Request for Dissolution**

It was moved and seconded to request that the Presbytery dissolve the Yellow Springs Administrative Commission, effective May 10, 2011. **Motion passed.** Michael will contact the Coordinating Council to have this included on the Presbytery meeting agenda.

**Final Report**

The Administrative Commission reviewed a draft of the final report to Presbytery. It was moved and seconded to approve the report as revised. **Motion passed.** Michael will take the final report to the Yellow Springs Session and send it to the Coordinating Council.

**Adjournment**

Michael thanked the Administrative Commission members for their service. It was moved and seconded to adjourn. **Motion passed.** Rob closed in prayer.

Respectfully submitted,  
Pat Youther  
Elder, Certified Christian Educator

**YELLOW SPRINGS ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION  
FINAL REPORT TO THE  
MIAMI VALLEY PRESBYTERY MEETING**

10 May 2011

**OVERVIEW:** The Yellow Springs Administrative Commission was authorized by the Miami Valley Presbytery on 14 September 2010 with member commissioners including the Reverend David Jackson, Elder Les Ferguson, the Reverend Rob Fulton, Elder Marjorie Lawson, Elder Michael Seewer, the Reverend Raymond Stewart, and Elder Pat Youther. The intent was to assist the First Presbyterian Church of Yellow Springs to resolve perceived difficulties in an appropriate Presbyterian fashion.

**ACCOMPLISHMENTS:** After attending each of the Yellow Springs Session meetings between October of 2010 and April of 2011, conducting a variety of interviews, both in person and by e-mail, the commission determined that the primary source of difficulty for the Yellow Springs church was lack of consistent pastoral leadership. Related difficulties, such as relationships and financial matters, were all related to this need. Since this was the primary charge to the commission, assistance was provided to the Yellow Springs Session members by both the appointed moderator/liaison from the Committee on Ministry and the attending commissioners. In addition to the session meetings, the Administrative Commission met independently on a monthly basis. On one occasion the entire commission met with the members of the Yellow Springs Session. The Yellow Springs session members were responsive and more than willing to follow the recommendations and advice of the commission. They were diligent in their wish to insure that all was done in decency and order. New personnel position statements were prepared. Work began on the sanctuary and other portions of the church property. New members were elected to the session and were installed appropriately. By early in January of 2011, an acceptable candidate had been properly selected and ultimately approved, first by the Yellow Springs search committee and then by their session. The resulting stated supply candidate was welcomed by the congregation on 30 January 2011. Current conditions in Yellow Springs merit the dissolution of the Administrative Commission. The commission is confident that Yellow Springs Presbyterian is on the path to a much more positive future in serving the spiritual needs of both the congregation and the community.

**CONCLUSIONS:** There is little doubt that First Presbyterian Church of Yellow Springs was struggling with the lack of pastoral leadership. The church situation was dramatically altered with the selection of a new stated supply pastor, the Reverend Joe Hinds. It is the belief of the commission that the new pastor, working in conjunction with a session with renewed purpose, will vastly improve the situation in the church. This is already evident in the nature of the worship and fellowship of the congregation. However, it is important to

note that this could possibly have been accomplished without the creation of an Administrative Commission. Personal assistance and guidance in the selection process for a new pastor might have been a more appropriate approach. Nevertheless, the members of the Yellow Springs Session responded with decency to the actions of presbytery. The results are quite positive ones in the judgment of the Administrative Commission.

Respectfully submitted,  
Elder Michael L. Seewer  
Moderator, Yellow Springs Administrative Commission  
10 May 2011

Approved by the Administrative Commission 12 April 2011

**Administrative Commission Minutes  
To Ordain Kevin J. Lawler**

The administrative Commission met at Blue Ball Presbyterian, Middletown, Ohio on April 2, 2011 at 3:00 pm in order to ordain Kevin J. Lawler as Minister of the Word and Sacrament.

Elder Marge Morgan called the meeting to order and opened the meeting with prayer. Elder John Mauntler was appointed as Clerk of the Commission.

The Commission consisted of the follow people:

Ministers:	Elders (congregation):
Rev. Dr. Joseph Hookey, HR	Elder Marge Morgan, Moderator (Dayton: Sugar Creek)
Rev. Dr. Jackie Nowak	Elder John Mauntler, Vice-moderator (Troy: First)
	Elder Stan Till (Blue Ball)

The following were seated as Corresponding Members: Dr. Bruce Mase of the Maumee Valley Presbytery.

The order of worship was approved with the following:

To preach: Rev. Dr. Bruce Mase, H.R. PCUSA

To ask the constitutional questions: Elder John Mauntler

To pray the ordination prayer: Elder John Mauntler

To charge the pastor: Rev. Dr. Bruce Mase, H.R.

To charge the congregation: Rev. Dr. Joseph Hookey, H.R.

The Commission proceeded to the service. The constitutional questions were answered in the affirmative. The meeting adjourned with the benediction given by the newly ordained minister at the close of the service.

John Mauntler, Commission Clerk

## REDRESSING THE IMBALANCE OF MINISTERS AND ELDERS

Report of the Stated Clerk

May 10, 2011

The Stated Clerk recommends that the presbytery redress the imbalance of minister members and elders for the 2011-2012 program year by doing the following:

1. Grant voice and vote to Certified Christian Educators who are ordained elders and serving the following churches:  
Beavercreek: Kirkmont
2. Grant voice and vote to Commissioned Lay Pastors serving the following churches:  
Bradford: First  
Seven Mile  
Collinsville

That the total elected representation from each church including representation based on membership and additional representation per above:

Beavercreek: Kirkmont – 2	Dayton: Trinity - 1	Reily - 1
Bellbrook – 1	Dayton: Westminster - 3	Rushsylvania - 1
Belle Center - 1	Eaton: First - 1	Seven Mile - 2
Bellefontaine: First – 1	Fairborn: First - 1	Sidney: First - 1
Blue Ball – 1	Farmersville: Slifers - 1	Somerville - 1
Bradford: First – 2	Greenville: First - 1	South Charleston: First - 1
Carlisle: New Jersey - 1	Hamilton: The P. C. - 2	Springboro: Covenant - 1
Cedarville – 1	Hamilton: Westwood - 1	Springfield: Covenant - 1
Clifton – 1	Huber Heights: Faith - 1	Springfield: Northminster - 1
Collinsville – 2	Huntsville - 1	Springfield: Oakland - 1
Covington - 1	Jamestown - 1	Springhill - 1
Dayton: Bath - 1	Lebanon - 2	Trenton: Mt. Olivet – 1
Dayton: Central - 1	Middletown: First - 2	Troy: First - 1
Dayton: College Hill - 1	Middletown: St. Luke - 1	Urbana: First - 1
Dayton: Corinth - 1	Monroe - 1	West Carrollton: First - 1
Dayton: Fairmont – 2	Morning Sun - 1	West Liberty - 1
Dayton: Good Shepherd - 1	New Carlisle: Honey Creek - 1	Wilmington - 1
Dayton: Immanuel Korean- 1	New Paris - 1	Xenia: Memorial - 1
Dayton: Memorial - 1	Oxford – 1	Xenia: Westminster - 1
Dayton: Southminster - 2	Piqua: Good Shepherd – 1	Yellow Springs: First - 1
Dayton: Sugar Creek - 1	Piqua: Westminster – 1	

**Rationale** - “When the number of resident ministers entitled to vote in the presbytery is greater than the number of elders so entitled, it shall redress this imbalance annually by providing for the election, appointment, or selection of additional elders.” (G-11.0101b)

According to the formula in the Book of Order (G-11.0101a), churches are entitled to send sixty-nine (69) commissioners based on their membership as of December 31, 2010 following this formula from G-11.0101 - ...*each church shall be represented by an elder commissioned by the session with the following additional provisions: Churches with membership over 500 shall be represented as follows:*

501-1000	--	2 elders
1001-1500	--	3 elders
1501-2000	--	4 elders
2001-3000	--	5 elders

After the May 2011 stated meeting, at least seven (7) elders are expected to be enrolled as members of the presbytery due to their election as Moderator, members of Council, and chairs of standing committees of presbytery. In addition, the presbytery will grant voice and vote to three (3) Commissioned Lay Pastors and one (1) Certified Christian Educator who is an ordained elder. This totals no less than eighty (80) voting elders.

As of December 31, 2010, the presbytery had seventy-nine (79) resident active minister members. According the Standing Rules, honorably retired ministers are excused from presbytery meetings, therefore HR ministers are considered in the calculations only when they are serving a congregation (interim, stated supply), are members of a presbytery committee and/or attend at least one presbytery meeting per year.

Therefore, this leaves a net shortfall of zero (0) elder commissioners.

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**COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS**

May 11, 2010

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

Class of 2011

Moderator	Elder John Mauntler (Troy: First)
Vice Moderator	Rev. Thomas Harmon

Class of 2014

Stated Clerk	Rev. Doris Arnett Whitaker
Recording Clerk	Elder Larry Hollar (Dayton: College Hill)

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**REPORT OF THE 219<sup>TH</sup> GENERAL ASSEMBLY**

May 10, 2011

The 219<sup>th</sup> General Assembly recommends that the presbytery take action on the following:

1. Shall the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) be amended by the inclusion of the “Confession of Belhar” in the Book of Confessions.

*Rationale:* See amendment booklet number 2 and supplemental documents for rationale and background information.

**ASSOCIATION OF STATED CLERKS**  
**Analysis of Amendments to the Constitution**  
**Proposed by the 219th General Assembly (2010)**

**PART 2 of 3 Confession of Belhar**  
On Amending The Book of Confessions (Item 16-12)

**Brief Description**

The process of preparing our church for the possibility of adopting the Confession of Belhar began with a task force reporting to the General Assembly in 2004. The Office of the General Assembly response to the Task Force to Study Reparations advised, and the General Assembly approved, that one part of the report be answered by commending "...the Belhar Confession to the church as a resource for reflection, study, and response, as a means of deepening the commitment of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to dealing with racism and a means of strengthening its unity ..." (Minutes, 2004, Part I, p.701). The General Assembly also urged "... each presbytery and all congregations to undertake a study of the Belhar Confession before the 218th General Assembly (2003) ... and directed the Office of the General Assembly and the General Assembly Council, Office of Theology and Worship, to receive response, prepare a summary, and report results ... with possible recommendations for further engagement with the Belhar Confession ..." (Ibid., p. 701).

In 2008, the General Assembly called for the creation of a special committee to study whether the Belhar Confession should be adopted into The Book of Confessions (Minutes, 2008, Part I, p. 1262-70). The Special Committee on the Belhar Confession unanimously and enthusiastically recommended that the 219th General Assembly (2010) approve the inclusion of the Confession of Belhar in The Book of Confessions, and that the amendment be sent to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes by June 2011.

**Assembly Action**

The vote of the Theological Issues and Institutions Committee (16) on the proposed amendment was 43/11/1. The 219th General Assembly (2010) approved the committee's recommendation by a vote of 525/150/3.

**Arguments Supporting an Affirmative Vote**

- It is a confession of faith that confesses Jesus Christ as Lord as it gives clarity on theological reasons for church unity which it proclaims as coming from God, not from our own efforts.
- It has been enthusiastically used by multicultural congregations.
- It would be a confession that has as its origin a faith community from below the equator, and as such would be the first in The Book of Confessions all the others of which are European in origin, and would demonstrate our theological unity with sisters and brothers of several other Reformed Traditions who have already adopted this confession.

### **Arguments Supporting a Negative Vote**

- It is sparse in its Christology and is more a social creed coming from a particular cultural situation that does not have direct applicability to our own.
- It could be used as a basis to support other issues for groups who perceive themselves as being treated unjustly within the denomination.
- The Declaration of Barmen and the Confession of 1967 adequately address the issues of injustice so an additional confession is not required.