

# **SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET**

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley  
May 10, 2010**

**First Presbyterian Church  
Troy, Ohio**

**MISSION STATEMENT  
OF THE  
PRESBYTERY OF THE  
MIAMI VALLEY**

*To be a practicing presbytery,  
discipling church leaders  
to live out  
Christ's mission for today.*

**HUNGER OFFERING**

In addition to the \$5 cost of each meal, the presbytery collects a Hunger Offering at every stated meeting.

One half is sent to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund while the other half goes to hunger ministry of the host's choosing.

Please give generously as you register.

**PRINCIPLES OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE**

Courtesy to all - One item at a time - Majority rule  
Respect the rights of the minority - Justice for all - Partiality for none

*"For us as Presbyterians, parliamentary law is a tool we use which is a servant to our theological understanding of the purpose of a governing body: to seek God's will for our actions in the world, as we witness to our faith in Jesus Christ."*

- from "Parliamentary Procedures in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)"  
by Marianne L. Wolfe.

## **HISTORY OF FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, TROY, OHIO**

On September 13, 1813 “fifteen pioneering spirits” and one supply pastor established the First Presbyterian Church of Troy, OH in the log cabin home of Elder Alexander Telford. Telford had served under George Washington in the Revolutionary War and had served as a Presbyterian elder in KY before moving to OH. First Presbyterian has a long history of mission work including participating in the Underground Railroad, the establishment of Dorothy Love, and in current times, a Breakfast Club that serves breakfast each morning to those who gather for a hot meal and the Giving Tree, which provides school fees, clothes and school supplies for approximately 170 schoolchildren each fall. First Presbyterian also has a long connection to the Presbytery of Miami Valley (and its predecessors). We will celebrate our Bicentennial in 2013. As the presbytery installs Elder John Mauntler tonight, he will become the fourth Moderator from First Presbyterian, Troy (being good Presbyterians, our moderatorial contributions are balanced – 2 elders and 2 ministers).

**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**  
May 10, 2011

CORRESPONDENCE (February 11, 2011 through May 6, 2011)

1. From the Presbytery of Ohio Valley – Notification that Candidate Katrina Pekich-Bundy (Dayton: Bath) was called as Pastor for the Hanover Presbyterian Church and was ordained on May 1, 2011. Forwarded to CPM.
2. From the Office of the General Assembly – Letter of appreciation for the Presbytery’s full support of 2010 per capita apportionment.
3. From the Board of Pensions – Delinquency reports
4. Minister membership changes (since last presbytery meeting) –
  - a. Losses – Rev. William Graham (deceased 3/30/2011); Rev. Norman Godfrey (to Grace)
  - b. Gains – Rev. Kevin Lawler (ordained 4/2/11)
  - c. In transition – Rev. Lee Dorsey (from Whitewater Valley)

ANNUAL REVIEW OF PRESBYTERY MINUTES

1. 2010 minutes of the Presbytery of Miami Valley were reviewed on May 3, 2011 and were approved with the following exceptions: no report from the commissioners to the Synod of the Covenant; and no record of the 2010 audit/financial review mandated by G-11.0307. This second exception shall be corrected with the 2011 financial review.

JUDICIAL CASES

1. Case # 2010-01 – The Investigating Committee has submitted its final report which states “there are not probable grounds or cause to believe that an offense (to the Constitution) was committed in this matter” and will not be filing charges with the Permanent Judicial Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSIONS

1. Wilmington – next report to be in September
2. Yellow Springs: First – see Consent Agenda

**UPCOMING DATES FOR MEETINGS**

**June 30 – July 2, 2011**

Big Tent – Indianapolis, IN

**August 2011**

*Wednesday, 10<sup>th</sup>*

*10<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>*

*Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup>*

*Wednesday, 31<sup>st</sup>*

*Deadline for docket requests*

*Synod Assembly*

*Deadline for advance packet materials*

*Deadline for supplemental packet materials*

**September 2011**

Tuesday, 13<sup>th</sup>

4:00 p.m.

Stated Meeting of Presbytery – TBD

**November 2011**

4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>

Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 a.m.

Synod Assembly

Stated Meeting of Presbytery - TBD



**PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH (USA)**

## PRESBYTERY REPORT FOR 2010

**Presbytery #** 380

**Presbytery** Miami Valley

**Address** 1541 S Smithville Rd

**City** Dayton , OH 45410

**Phone #** 937 258-8118

**Fax #** 937 258-2982

**Email Address** tom.oxley@miamipresbytery.org

**Website**

### Membership

Prior Active Members: 13,062

#### Gains

Profession 17 & Under: 92

Profession 18 & Over: 238

Certificate: 144

Other: 23

**Total Gains:** 497

#### Losses

Certificate: 111

Death: 286

Other: 626

**Total Losses:** 1,023

**Total Active Membership:** 12,536

Female Members: 7,278

Inactive Members: 3,379

Baptized Members: 2,613

**Total Adherents:** 18,528

**Average Church Attendance:** 6,305

**Affiliate Members:** 98

### Baptisms

Children: 117

Adult: 48

### Officers

Male Elders: 287

Female Elders: 331

Male Deacons: 106

Female Deacons: 359

### Age Distributions

25 & Under: 1,543

26 - 35: 2,114

36 - 55: 2,089

56 - 64: 2,282

65 & Over: 4,283

### People with Disabilities

Hearing: 457

Mobility: 445

Sight: 133

Other: 283

### Christian Education

Birth 3: 238

Age 4: 122

Grade 7: 130

Grade 8: 140

Kindergarten:	137	Grade 9:	118
Grade 1:	128	Grade 10:	132
Grade 2:	124	Grade 11:	146
Grade 3:	152	Grade 12:	128
Grade 4:	131	Young Adults:	295
Grade 5:	134	Over 25:	2,133
Grade 6:	132	Teacher/Officer:	711
<b>Total:</b>	5,231		

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<b>Racial Ethnic Breakdown</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Elders</b>	<b>Deacons</b>
Asian	77	2	3
Black	411	25	17
Native American	1	0	0
Hispanic	51	6	0
White	11,467	569	433
Other	2	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	12,009	602	453

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**Potential Giving Units:** 6,968  
**Budgeted Income:** 13,593,246  
**Budget Expense:** 14,801,228

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#### **Receipts**

Regular Contribution: 12,410,332  
Capital Building Fund: 561,978  
Investment Income: 1,644,980  
Bequests: 252,770  
Other Income: 1,246,072  
Subsidy or Aid: 58,074

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#### **Expenditures**

Local Program: 11,918,369  
Local Mission: 811,457  
Capital Expenditure: 1,131,397  
Investment Expense: 162,919  
Per Capita Aprt: 315,212  
Validated Mission: 451,501  
Theological Fund: 11,205  
Other Mission: 379,735

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**REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK**  
**2010 Session Record Review**  
(as of May , 2011)

**Approved Without  
Exceptions**

Beavercreek: Kirkmont  
Bellbrook  
Bellefontaine: First  
Bradford: First  
Carlisle: New Jersey  
Collinsville  
Dayton: Bath  
Dayton: Central  
Dayton: Corinth  
Dayton: Fairmont  
Dayton: Memorial  
Dayton: Southminster  
Dayton: Sugar Creek  
Dayton: Trinity  
Dayton: Westminster  
Eaton: First  
Fairborn: First  
Farmersville: Slifers  
Greenville: First  
Hamilton: The Presbyterian  
Hamilton: Westwood  
Huber Heights: Faith  
Huntsville  
Jamestown  
Lebanon  
Middletown: St. Luke  
New Carlisle: Honey Creek  
Oxford  
Piqua: Good Shepherd  
Piqua: Westminster  
Reily  
Rushsylvania  
Seven Mile  
Sidney: First  
Springhill  
Springboro: Covenant  
Springfield: Covenant  
Trenton: Mt. Olivet  
Troy: First

Urbana: First  
West Carrollton: First  
West Liberty  
Wilmington  
Xenia: Memorial  
Xenia: Westminster

**Approved With Exceptions**

Belle Center  
Blue Ball  
Cedarville  
Covington  
Dayton: Good Shepherd  
Middletown: First  
Monroe  
South Charleston  
Springfield: Northminster  
Yellow Springs: First

**Pending Final Review**

Dayton: College Hill  
Dayton: Immanuel Korean

**Not Reviewed**

Clifton  
Morning Sun  
New Paris  
Somerville  
Springfield: Oakland



## 2010 NECROLOGY REPORT<sup>i</sup>

MINISTERS OF WORD AND SACRAMENT  
Doris J. Hill, HR June 10

### ELDERS

Beavercreek: Kirkmont  
Ginny Martin January 22  
Elisabeth Walthour May 22

Bellbrook  
Deborah Shew March 27

Bellefontaine: First  
Toni Cox August 31

Carlisle: New Jersey  
Martha Bowman Stolar April 28  
James T. Engel July 23  
Louise Carptenter Goonan - December 26

Covington  
George Major May 1  
John Rhoades June 20

Dayton: Central  
John Dale January 22  
Fred Morehead February 22  
Ken Awsumb May 16  
Patricia Wakeman June 4  
Nellie Davis August 29

Dayton: Fairmont  
Joseph Miller Rodgers July 7  
Margaret Alkins Newill July 17  
Elizabeth Jan Hornstein Silas – December 18

Dayton: Southminster  
Margaret Barclay November 23  
Robert Newssock December 23  
Robert Kienzle December 24

Dayton: Sugar Creek  
J. David Andrews July 17

Dayton: Westminster  
Mary Zelia King January 24  
Mary M. Yingling March 31  
William Hill Cuthbertson April 1  
Lloyd “Bruce” Stevens April 24  
Ronald G. Campbell May 11  
James Thomas Dickey, Jr. May 23

Dayton: Westminster, con't.  
James Alfred Wood November 17  
Elouise “June” Fisher November 20

Eaton: First  
Lawrence Smith March 14  
Delma Little March 30  
John Laird August 11  
Eldon Stewart November 24

Farmersville: Slifers  
Beth Sessler February 18  
Glenn Gisewite November 4

Greenville: First  
Vrina Grimes February 26  
Jeff Hawley May 6  
LeNie Wilson June 17

Hamilton: The PC  
Don Schliesman January 4  
Paul Hill January 7  
Mary Lou Polson March 5  
Ryan Hall March 8  
Russ Laming July 5  
Stan Newkirk December 6

Hamilton: Westwood  
Betty Sohngen December 6

Huntsville  
Oris Hemphill May 1

Lebanon  
Marian R. Haven December 20

Middletown: St. Luke  
Phil Porter January 30  
Doug Whitaker December 19

New Carlisle: Honey Creek  
Geraldine Cummins June 16  
Donald Slanker July 2  
James M. Peters July 17

New Paris  
Sara C. (Kathryn) Lipps February 17  
Dorothy Stamback July 21

Oxford  
Dwight Smith May 6

Piqua: Good Shepherd Nancy Anderson	November 30	Troy: First Kit Carstensen June Deeter Harriet Cary	January 23 March 23 June 14
Rushsylvania Glenn P. Titus	July 17	West Liberty Barbara Benge Florence Boyd	September 12 September 20
Somerville Reva Hartman	December 24	Wilmington Roger Wildoner	April 19
Springboro: Covenant M. Ardeth Smith	January 12	Xenia: Memorial Donald C. Anderson Virgil M. Brantley	January 31 November 2
Springfield: Covenant Richard Kuss	August 9	Xenia: Westminster Mary Dickerson Florance B. Conrad Thomas Adair David L. Purdom	January 8 March 4 July 4 July 22
Springfield: Northminster Virginia Phillips Roy Martin John Buckhold Tom Spurgin	February 28 April 24 June 29 September 1		
Trenton: Mt. Olivet Peggy Hartman Lucy Swope	June 22 September 7		

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<sup>i</sup> As submitted by the clerks of session through the annual statistical report. Our apologies for any omissions or spelling errors.

**REPORT OF THE VICE MODERATOR**  
May 10, 2011

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

Class of 2014

Elder Joyce Hazlett (Fairborn: First)

Chair for 2011-2012 program year – Rev. David Collins

For information, the Vice Moderator reports the following vacancies to the Committee on Nominations:

Class of 2013 – lay woman

Class of 2014 – minister of Word and Sacrament

Elder John Mauntler  
Email – [jmauntler@woh.rr.com](mailto:jmauntler@woh.rr.com)  
Phone - (937) 339-5234

## REPORT OF THE COUNCIL

May 10, 2011

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

1. Adopted “Council Statement on Vote on Amendment 10-A”

Over the past few months presbyteries have been deliberating and voting on a change to our constitution related to the standards of ordination. This is a contentious and divisive issue facing our denomination, our presbytery and our congregations.

In February, we likewise debated and voted. It comes as no surprise that such occasions lead to division and hurt feelings.

It is for this reason that we, as Council, wish to re-affirm our mission as a presbytery which is to serve our congregations by raising the quality of leadership through discipleship and meaningful fellowship among colleagues. Our focus is no longer upon organizations but upon relationships among members of presbytery.

Scripture urges us (Hebrews 10:22-25):

...let us draw near to God with a sincere heart in full assurance of faith....  
Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful.

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

We make the following commitments to presbytery:

That we will continue create opportunities for us to “spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” We recognize the benefits already derived from healthy relationships among colleagues in ministry here. And we will create opportunities for these to grow.

That we will work together towards making our congregations healthier and viable points of ministry in Christ’s name.

That we will minister to one another in times of need, train one another for service, and urge one another towards Christ-likeness.

And that we will in good faith seek ways to continue our fellowship together within our presbytery.

Rev. Bill Reisenweaver  
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Phone – (937) 462-8479

## NEW Electronic Funds Transfer Option for Local Churches

Presbytery of the Miami Valley is pleased to announce the introduction of an electronic funds transfer option for churches to make their regular contributions to presbytery and other denominational bodies, as well as per capita and special offerings. Contributions can now be transferred through our secure site from your church checking or savings account to presbytery's bank account.

Our free electronic giving program offers convenience for churches in making recurring or one-time donations. Church treasurers or other designated financial officials can also create an online profile to easily save their church's donation information for future use.

You can get started by clicking the "Online Donation" link at [www.miamipresbytery.org](http://www.miamipresbytery.org).

Presbytery of the Miami Valley

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**General Mission Unified**

-GA 31% Synod 3% Presbytery 66%:	<input type="text" value="0.00"/>
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**Other Donations/Payments**

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**Presbytery of the Miami Valley - Dayton, Ohio  
Treasurer's Report as of April 2011 for General**

Monday, May 02, 2011

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Account #	Account Name	Period Activity	YTD Balance	Budget YTD	Over/Under YTD+(-)	Annual Budget
<b>Income</b>						
401.101	GA Shared Mission Income	9,191.82	28,198.27	36,412.00	(8,213.73)	109,236.00
401.102	Synod Shared Mission	1,097.89	3,667.75*	3,524.00	143.75	10,571.00
401.103	Miami Shared Income	24,980.68	82,452.56*	77,524.00	4,928.56	232,568.00
	<b>Total Undesignated Mission Giving</b>	<b>\$35,270.39</b>	<b>\$114,318.58</b>	<b>\$117,460.00</b>	<b>(\$3,141.42)</b>	<b>\$352,375.00</b>
401.100	Per Capita from Churches	15,967.37	149,165.89*	109,940.00	39,225.89	329,816.00
401.105	Presbyterian Women	0.00	460.55	1,000.00	(539.45)	3,000.00
401.110	Interest Savings Account	38.00	53.06	100.00	(46.94)	300.00
401.111	Miscellaneous Income	30.35	419.16			
401.112	House Rental Kirkmont	0.00	0.00	4,500.00	(4,500.00)	13,500.00
401.113	Interest From CD	428.61	1,672.96	1,716.00	(43.04)	5,148.00
401.114	Transfer from Reserves	0.00	0.00	2,732.00	(2,732.00)	8,200.00
401.115	Pentecost Offering	0.00	40.15			
	<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$51,734.72</b>	<b>\$266,130.35*</b>	<b>\$237,448.00</b>	<b>\$28,682.35</b>	<b>\$712,339.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>						
501.100	Exec Presbyter Salary	6,378.84	25,515.36	25,516.00	(0.64)	76,546.00
501.101	Exec Presbyter Pension	710.84	2,843.36*	2,808.00	35.36	8,420.00
501.102	Exec Presb Medical/Disability	1,324.74	5,298.96*	5,232.00	66.96	15,692.00
501.104	Exec Presb Professional Exp	396.16	2,699.42	3,000.00	(300.58)	9,000.00
501.105	Exec Presb Supple Medical	202.55	285.20	332.00	(46.80)	1,000.00
501.108	Exec Presbyter Education	225.42	420.24	1,000.00	(579.76)	3,000.00
	<b>Total Executive Presbyter</b>	<b>\$9,238.55</b>	<b>\$37,062.54</b>	<b>\$37,888.00</b>	<b>(\$825.46)</b>	<b>\$113,658.00</b>
501.110	Stated Clerk Salary	1,003.76	4,015.04	4,016.00	(0.96)	12,045.00
501.111	Stated Clerk Housing	1,700.16	6,800.64*	6,800.00	0.64	20,402.00
501.112	Stated Clerk Pension	321.49	1,285.96	1,288.00	(2.04)	3,858.00
501.113	Stated Clerk Med/Disability	652.57	2,610.28*	2,356.00	254.28	7,066.00
501.114	Stated Clerk Dental	56.25	225.00*	224.00	1.00	675.00
501.115	Stated Clerk Sup Medical	0.00	335.07*	252.00	83.07	750.00
501.116	Stated Clerk Professional Exp	0.00	265.83	1,668.00	(1,402.17)	5,000.00
501.117	Stated Clerk Cont Education	0.00	539.72*	188.00	351.72	563.00
501.118	Stated Clerk Defer Compens	100.00	400.00	400.00	0.00	1,200.00
	<b>Total Stated Clerk</b>	<b>\$3,834.23</b>	<b>\$16,477.54</b>	<b>\$17,192.00</b>	<b>(\$714.46)</b>	<b>\$51,559.00</b>
501.130	Office Manager Salary	3,079.42	12,317.68*	12,316.00	1.68	36,953.00
501.131	Office Manager Medical Ins	115.00	115.00	153.00	(38.00)	460.00
501.140	Treasurer Salary	84.48	628.32	2,356.00	(1,727.68)	7,070.00
501.141	Treasurer Professional Expense	20.40	122.40*	100.00	22.40	300.00
501.145	Bookkeeper	840.99	3,762.78	5,980.00	(2,217.22)	17,943.00
501.146	IT/Communications/Website/Resource Ctr.	533.33	3,533.32*	2,424.00	1,109.32	7,272.00
501.150	Resource Center	266.67	1,066.68			
501.170	Employer FICA	855.55	3,474.95	3,532.00	(57.05)	10,596.00
501.171	Workers Comp	0.00	121.78	250.00	(128.22)	500.00
	<b>Total Salaries &amp; Benefits</b>	<b>\$18,868.62</b>	<b>\$78,682.99</b>	<b>\$82,191.00</b>	<b>(\$3,508.01)</b>	<b>\$246,311.00</b>
501.401	Audit/Review	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
501.402	Vanco Service Charges	25.50	54.00			
501.403	Equipment Usage/Maintenance	466.04	2,325.90	3,332.00	(1,006.10)	10,000.00
501.404	Equipment Purchases	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
501.405	Insurance	3,965.00	3,965.00*	0.00	3,965.00	8,500.00
501.410	Office Supplies	445.00	1,850.74*	332.00	1,518.74	1,000.00
501.411	Mission Yearbook	0.00	0.00			
501.412	Book of Order/Confession	0.00	197.50			
501.420	Postage	0.00	266.46	1,068.00	(801.54)	3,200.00
501.425	Presbytery Meetings	1,120.50	570.49	667.00	(96.51)	2,000.00
501.428	2012 GA Expense Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
501.429	On-line Officer Training Program Development	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,500.00
501.430	Rent	1,511.85	6,047.40	6,048.00	(0.60)	18,142.00
501.435	Staff Meeting	146.94	283.08	668.00	(384.92)	2,000.00
501.440	Telephone	445.46	1,384.40*	1,168.00	216.40	3,500.00
501.441	Kirkmont Loan Interest	512.72	2,188.02	2,408.00	(219.98)	7,224.00
501.442	Kirkmont House Expense	204.00	1,677.79	2,000.00	(322.21)	2,000.00
501.443	Camp & Legal Consultants (Kirkmont)	0.00	5,585.27	5,600.00	(14.73)	12,500.00
501.444	Engineering Fees (Kirkmont)	0.00	6,400.00	6,400.00	0.00	6,400.00
501.445	Building Department Fees (Kirkmont)	0.00	967.25	1,000.00	(32.75)	1,800.00
501.447	Camden Expense	41.08	3,677.84*	1,500.00	2,177.84	1,500.00
501.450	Miscellaneous Office Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,000.00
	<b>Total Operating Expense</b>	<b>\$8,884.09</b>	<b>\$37,441.14*</b>	<b>\$32,191.00</b>	<b>\$5,250.14</b>	<b>\$90,266.00</b>
501.600	GA Per Cap	7,075.25	28,301.00*	28,300.00	1.00	84,903.00

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501.610	Synod Per Cap Exp	3,537.62	14,150.48	14,152.00	(1.52)	42,452.00
501.615	Synod Shared Mission Exp	1,097.89	3,667.75*	3,524.00	143.75	10,571.00
501.630	Presbytery Grant IKNC D Expense	500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	6,000.00
501.631	College Hill Hispanic Ministry	333.33	1,333.32*	1,332.00	1.32	4,000.00
	<b>Total Mission</b>	<b>\$21,735.91</b>	<b>\$77,650.82</b>	<b>\$85,720.00</b>	<b>(\$8,069.18)</b>	<b>\$257,162.00</b>
501.200	Committee on Ministry Expens	757.50	4,092.76	5,000.00	(907.24)	15,000.00
501.220	Com on Prep for Ministry Exp	(199.20)	1,278.62*	500.00	778.62	500.00
501.230	Cert Christian Educators Expen	0.00	0.00	168.00	(168.00)	500.00
501.240	Com on Lay Ministry Exp	0.00	0.00	168.00	(168.00)	500.00
501.250	Self Development Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	100.00
501.251	Nominating Committee	0.00	0.00			
501.254	Council/Keynote Presenter	0.00	750.90*	750.00	0.90	2,000.00
501.255	Communications	11.95	23.90*	0.00	23.90	0.00
501.258	Resource Center Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501.259	Network Committee Expense	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	24,964.00
501.260	Network-Campus Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501.261	Net-Equipping for Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
501.262	Net- Crafting for a Cause	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	3,000.00
501.263	Net-Older Adult Network	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,000.00
501.264	Net- Evangelism Network	0.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
501.265	Net- Educators Support Netw	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,650.00
501.266	Net-Africa Medical Mission	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	5,000.00
501.267	Net- Pass It On	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	1,121.00
501.270	Net-Colombian Partnership	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	6,000.00
501.271	Net-Health Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501.272	Net-Covenant Gathering Exp.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501.273	Net-Red Multi-Cultural	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501.274	Net - Urban Ministry	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501.275	Net - Joined for Justice	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
501.276	Net - PYC	0.00	1,512.50*	765.00	747.50	765.00
501.290	Kirkmont Camp & Confer Cnt	20,000.00	50,000.00*	0.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
	<b>Total Committee, Grant,Net Exp</b>	<b>\$20,570.25</b>	<b>\$60,158.68*</b>	<b>\$9,851.00</b>	<b>\$50,307.68</b>	<b>\$118,600.00</b>
	<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$70,058.87</b>	<b>\$253,933.63*</b>	<b>\$209,953.00</b>	<b>\$43,980.63</b>	<b>\$712,339.00</b>
	<b>Difference</b>	<b>(\$18,324.15)</b>	<b>\$12,196.72</b>	<b>\$27,495.00</b>		<b>\$0.00</b>

\* = Income/Expense exceeds amount budgeted to date

**Presbytery of the Miami Valley - Dayton, Ohio**  
**Balance Sheet as of April 30, 2011**

Monday, May 02, 2011

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Account #	Account Name	YTD Balance
<b>Assets</b>		
101.100	5/3 Checking Account	7,841.24
101.101	5/3 Savings Account	60,036.25
101.102	Balanced Growth Presby Foundat	274,594.77
101.103	Growth Fund Presbyterian Fonda	111,004.46
101.104	Permanent Fund Presby Founda	2,787.48
101.110	5/3 Certificate of Deposit	170,490.89
103.101	Kirkmont Center Fixed Assets	1,350,000.00
104.101	Presbytery Office Equip/Books	158,810.00
	<b>Total Assets</b>	<b><u>\$2,135,565.09</u></b>
<b>Liabilities</b>		
201.140	Loan for Kirkmont House	139,550.00
	<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b><u>\$139,550.00</u></b>
<b>Fund Balance</b>		
301.100	General Fund Balance	12,196.72
302.101	Working Capital Fund	441,926.79
304.201	Kirkmont Scholarships Balance	20.00
305.101	Preparation for Ministry Fund	5,092.03
306.101	Northminster Fund	143,213.00
307.101	Net-Older Adult Fund	9,527.25
308.101	Peacemaking Fund	20,046.87
310.101	Fixed Asset Fund	1,340,460.00
311.101	Synod Peacemaking Grant	2.99
314.100	Net-Campus Ministry Fund	(213.29)
315.100	Net-Columbian Partnership Fund	990.00
319.100	Net-Evangelism Fund	617.97
320.100	Net-Health Ministries Fund	135.00
323.100	Net-Red Multicultural Fund	2,189.97
351.100	Synod Gt Higher Education Fund	6,476.47
360.100	GA Grant Hispanic Col Hill Fun	5,333.32
370.100	GA NCD Grant for Korean Ch Fun	8,000.00
	<b>Total Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$1,996,015.09</u></b>
	<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>\$2,135,565.09</u></b>



## Mission and Ministry

### Mission to the USA

This fall the Synod of the Covenant is inviting church leaders from Cuba and Mexico to spend six (6) weeks as staff members of particular congregations. As participants in the Mission to the U.S.A. Program, these ecumenical partners will preach, teach and become a part of a host congregation, celebrating oneness in Christ as they share their stories of faith and teach us about life in their home countries and the ongoing issues there. Visit [www.synodofthecovenant.org/musa](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org/musa) to find out how your church can host one of our mission partners!

### Mobile Health Fair

38 health fairs are scheduled thus far with only a few open days remaining. Wayne County Health Authority will be present at Detroit health fairs and will provide free sport physicals for students, immediate enrollment in available services when applicable and information on all of the services available. United Healthcare Great Lakes Health Plan will be bringing Elmo (of Sesame Street) to as many of the Detroit health fairs as possible to share educational information on nutrition. Great Lakes has also committed almost 500 health kits to the Detroit health fairs!! The van will be visiting migrant work camps in the evenings and migrant schools during the days. Last year over 1,674 were screened. Free training is available to **anyone** interested in helping to volunteer with this ministry. Dates and locations of all fairs will be available soon. For more info visit [www.synodofthecovenant.org/mhf](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org/mhf)

## Changes in Leadership

### Stated Clerk Retiring

Rev. Dr. George Baird, having served his maximum of 3 terms of 3 years as Stated Clerk is retiring in the Fall. Synod Assembly has approved 'Transitional' Stated Clerk Position Description and Terms of Call, these can be found at [www.synodofthecovenant.org](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org). Please give names of possible candidates to the Nominating Committee.

### Installation

PCUSA Stated Clerk, Gradye Parsons, gave charge at Transitional Synod Executive's, Rev. Raafat Zaki, installation service.

- Go wide, Galatians 3:28
- Go Deep, Ephesians 1:17-19
- Go Long, Isaiah 58:6-9

Combined choirs from Bethany PC, Columbus, and Grace PC, Toledo inspire all.

Worship was followed by a presentation by Gradye Parsons entitled "Where are we Going?" Download presentation from the website by searching for "Gradye"

### Committee moderators:

- **Raphael Francis**, Church Development and Transformation
- **Frances Jenkins**, Multicultural, Racial/Ethnic, and Justice (MRJ)
- **Ruth Dunn**, Ministries in Higher Education
- **Doris Evans**, Covenants and Connections
- **Russ Brandt**, Personnel Services

## Equipping

### Training Videos

The videos during the assembly can be found at on the Synod website under the Assembly tab. The Roberts Rules video may be helpful for congregational, Elder and/or presbytery commissioner training as well.

### Ignite. Inspire. Equip

The 21st century church is navigating uncharted waters - don't miss the Transformation/Small Church Conference, May 5-7 in Perrysburg Ohio. More information, visit [www.synodofthecovenant.org](http://www.synodofthecovenant.org)

**COMMITTEE ON THE PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY**  
**May 10, 2011**

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

1. Enrolled Mr. Nathan Sautter (Lebanon) as an Inquirer on March 17, 2011.
2. Enrolled Ms. Kathleen Hartwell (Troy: First) as an Inquirer on April 21, 2011.
3. Enrolled Mr. Marcus Lambright (Dayton: College Hill) as an Inquirer on April 21, 2011.
4. Approved the request of Inquirer Manassas Fonteles (Dayton: College Hill) to be removed from the Roll of Inquirers on April 11, 2011.

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## COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

May 10, 2011

For action, the committee recommends that the presbytery:

1. Springhill - Authorize the Moderator to appoint an Administrative Commission to assist the Session and Congregation church in the possibility of closing and provide a status report to Presbytery at the September 13, 2011 stated meeting. If necessary, the commission is authorized to proceed on the following in consultation with Session and Congregation:
  - o To determine an appropriate schedule for the last worship service and celebration;
  - o To dissolve the congregation after the last worship service;
  - o To recommend ways to address pastoral care of the congregation and transfer of membership upon dissolution of congregation;
  - o To arrange for all liabilities be paid in full;
  - o To recommend the care and distribution of the real property and contents; and that the authority to dispose of such property is granted to the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Miami Valley;
  - o To recommend the use of undesignated mission funds.
2. Grant the request of the Rev. Paula Short Slife, HR, to be released from the exercise of the duties of office without prejudice as described in G-6.0600.  
*Rationale:* Rev. Slife has discerned that she is called to seek membership in the Roman Catholic Church.

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

1. Belle Center –
  - a. Approved the request to end the interim pastoral relationship with the Rev. Kathy Clark effective April 24, 2011. Terms: pro-rated cash value of any unused study days and vacation days; final 403(b) contributions, \$20,400 severance.
  - b. Appointed the Rev. David JW Brown as moderator of Session.
2. Blue Ball – Approved the part-time (15 hrs per week) stated supply appointment of the Rev. Kevin Lawler for one year beginning April 2, 2011. Terms: effective salary \$14,733; medical reimb \$1,000; continuing education reimb \$1,010; professional expenses reimb \$500; mileage at the IRS rate; four weeks vacation; two weeks study leave.
3. Dayton: Bath – Renewed the part-time (20 hrs per week) Interim Pastor covenant with the Rev. Tom Martin for one year beginning May 1, 2011; and appoint him moderator of session. Terms: effective salary \$26,500, pension dues \$3,120, travel reimb up to \$7,250, prof dev reimb up to \$700, prof exp reimb up to \$500, 5 weeks vacation and 2 weeks study leave.
4. Dayton: Corinth – Completed the Triennial Visit.
5. Dayton: Trinity – Authorized the Session to suspend the interim search and after consultation with COM representatives, to call a congregational meeting to elect a Pastor Nominating Committee.
6. Lebanon—Approved the full-time pastoral call with the Rev. Charles Testas as Associate Pastor, beginning May 1, 2011, Terms: cash salary \$25,500; housing allowance \$25,500; medical reimbursement \$3,546; full medical/pension dues; SECA allowance \$4,902; travel reimbursement up to \$500; professional development reimbursement \$1,000; professional

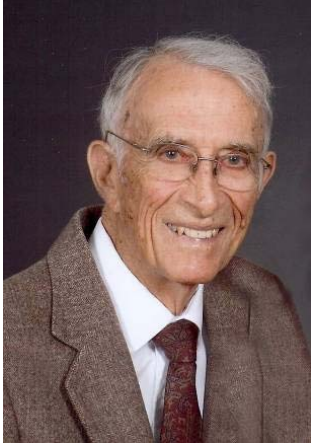
- expense reimbursement \$500; 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks of study leave. AAEEEO documentation on file.
7. Middletown: St. Luke –
    - a. Approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship with the Rev. Janet Dillaman effective March 15, 2011. The congregation affirmed this request at a duly called meeting on March 13, 2011.
    - b. Appointed the Rev. Bruce Bueschel as the moderator of Session.
    - c. Appointed the Rev. Reggie Olson (West OH Conf of the UMC) as temporary supply pastor for three months beginning May 1, 2011.
  8. Piqua: Westminster—Renewed the full-time Stated Supply appointment with the Rev. Kazy Hinds for twelve months, beginning January 1, 2011, and to reappoint her as moderator of Session. Terms: cash salary \$44,990; housing allowance \$12,000; full medical/pension dues; SECA allowance \$4,285; travel reimbursement up to \$2,000; professional development reimbursement \$1,000; 4 weeks of vacation and 2 weeks of study leave.
  9. Riley – Renewed the half-time stated supply appointment of the Rev. Tom Ramsey through the rest of 2011. Terms: effective salary of \$22,000; full pension/medical dues; continuing education reimb \$750; professional expenses reimb \$2,500; mileage at the IRS rate; four weeks vacation; two weeks study leave.
  10. Sidney: First – Approved the full-time Interim Pastor covenant with the Rev. Lee Dorsey, for the period of April 3, 2011, to December 31, 2011; appointed him as moderator of Session; and requested his credentials from the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. Terms: effective salary \$21,665; deferred compensation (annuity) \$2,250; medical supplement \$900; full medical/pension dues; travel allowance \$12,000; professional development \$450; furnished apartment with utilities; 1.5 weeks of study leave and 4 weeks of vacation.
  11. Approved the 2011 changes in compensation for installed pastors.
  12. Dismissed the Rev. Norman Godfrey, HR, to Grace Presbytery, which voted to receive him into membership on April 19, 2011.

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2011 Review of Compensation for Installed Pastors and CCE's												
Congregation	Mem'ship as of 12/31/10	Pastor	Manse	Effective Salary	SECA	Travel	Prof Dev	Prof Exp	Other	Vacation	Study Leave	
Beavercreek: Kirkmont	314	David Brown	no	\$70,337		\$3,000	\$2,150	\$550	\$613	4 wks	2 wks	
Bellefontaine: First	368	Robert Fulton	no	\$71,146		IRS rate	\$2,000	\$2,000		4 wks	2 wks	
Carlisle: New Jersey	190	Jeffrey Foster	no	\$47,000	\$500	\$1,400		\$1,020		4 wks	2 wks	
Clifton	133	Arby Conn	no	\$46,900	\$3,442	\$7,500	\$1,500	\$2,950		4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: College Hill	231	Robert E. Jones	no	\$49,210	\$3,796	\$7,396	\$952	\$3,616		4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Corinth	91	David Collins	no	\$47,886	\$3,662	IRS rate	\$1,020	\$2,400		4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Fairmont	531	Robert Wade	no	\$83,372		IRS rate	\$1,100	\$900		4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Good Shepherd	26	Richard Walker (1/2 time)	no	\$32,087				\$1,709		not reported		
Dayton: Immanuel Korean	36	Soo Kwang Kim	no	\$41,484		no reimbursables reported				4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Southminster	520	Eric Pasanchin	no	\$67,744		\$2,000	\$1,550	\$500		4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Southminster	520	Megan Collins	no	\$47,776	\$2,101		\$2,500	\$1,250	\$300	4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Sugar Creek	282	Julia Wharff	no	\$61,649			\$2,000	\$3,500		4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Westminster	1109	Sandy McConnell	no	\$116,775			\$1,000	\$6,200		5 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Westminster	1109	John Neely	no	\$93,346		\$1,000	\$1,250			4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Westminster	1109	Nancy Hogdkins	no	\$58,948		\$1,000	\$3,000			4 wks	2 wks	
Dayton: Westminster	1109	Laurie Davis	no	\$60,775		\$1,000	\$1,250			4 wks	2 wks	
Eaton: First	446	Wayne Morrison	yes	\$77,993	\$2,400	\$5,000	\$500			4 wks	2 wks	
Fairborn: First	239	Thomas Harmon	no	\$53,364	\$3,853	\$3,000	\$3,000			4 wks	2 wks	
Farmersville: Sifers	166	Karel Hanhart	yes	\$40,989	\$2,776	\$3,000	\$1,500	\$2,500	\$6,000	5 wks	2 wks	
Greenville	315	John Person	no	\$68,155	\$5,300	\$2,526	\$1,000			4 wks	2 wks	
Hamilton: The PC	551	John Lewis	no	\$74,393	\$2,800	\$750	\$1,200			4 wks	2 wks	
Hamilton: The PC	551	Daniel Carter	no	\$46,140	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$200			4 wks	2 wks	
Hamilton: Westwood	113	Joshua Long	yes	\$51,555		\$2,000	\$700	\$1,000		4 wks	2 wks	
Huntsville	119	Benjamin Beres	no	\$44,199		\$2,700	\$1,010			4 wks	2 wks	
Jameson	96	Michael Helling	yes	\$54,017	\$2,864	\$1,000	\$1,020			5 wks	2 wks	
Lebanon	874	Peter Larson	no	\$81,687	\$6,249	\$2,000	\$1,500			4 wks	3 wks	
Middletown: First	565	Tim Doty	yes	\$71,170			\$1,000	\$2,500		4 wks	2 wks	
Monroe	84	Patrick Warren	no	\$61,141	\$5,065	\$3,200	\$150	\$2,100		4 wks	2 wks	
Oxford	441	Barbara Barnes (85% time)	no	\$50,827	\$3,888	\$1,560	\$1,250	\$1,250		4 wks	2 wks	
Oxford	441	Mark Barnes (85% time)	no	\$50,827	\$3,888	\$1,560	\$1,250	\$1,250		4 wks	2 wks	
South Charleston	172	William Reisenweaver	no	\$58,226	\$2,500	\$1,500	\$1,200			4 wks	2 wks	
Springboro: Covenant	114	Kenneth Howard	no	\$59,600		IRS rate	\$1,800	\$2,600		5 wks	2 wks	
Springfield: Covenant	437	Raymond Stewart	no	\$65,170	\$4,921	\$1,500		\$2,000		4 wks	2 wks	
Springfield: Northminster	189	Dwight McCormick	no	\$55,027	\$3,780	\$1,100	\$1,000	\$2,900		4 wks	2 wks	
Springfield: Oakland	106	Derrick Weston	no	\$44,199	\$2,000	\$1,010				4 wks	2 wks	
Trenton: Mt. Olivet	102	Chuck Testas	no	\$54,628	\$3,861	\$1,616	\$1,020	\$963		4 wks	2 wks	
Troy: First	491	Richard Culp	no	\$70,623	\$5,190	\$3,500	\$1,000	\$1,500		4 wks	2 wks	
Urbana	259	Kevin Horrigan	no	\$60,897		\$1,000	\$300	\$300		4 wks	2 wks	

Congregation	Mem'ship as of 12/31/10	Pastor	Manse	Effective Salary	SECA	Travel	Prof Dev	Prof Exp	Other	Vacation	Study Leave
Wilmington	340	David Judd	no	\$61,750	\$4,000	\$2,000				4 wks	2 wks
Xenia: Westminster	187	Brian Maguire	no	\$55,880	\$4,191	\$2,595	\$3,090			4 wks	2 wks
<b>2011 Review of Compensation for Certified Christian Educators</b>											
Congregation	Mem'ship as of 12/31/10	Educator		Cash Sal	Prof Dev	Prof Exp	Other	Vacation	Study Leave		
Beavercreek: Kirkmont		Pat Youther		\$54,960	\$2,224			4 wks	2 wks		
Dayton: Fairmont		Nadia Stropich (position ends April)		\$49,000		\$2,000		no leave Jan-April			
Dayton: Southminster		Jeanne McIver (20 hrs per week)		\$27,726	\$2,020			4 wks	2 wks		

**IN MEMORIAM**  
**The Rev. William I. Graham**



The Rev. William I. "Bill" Graham, age 83 of Centerville, passed away at Heartland of Centerville on Wednesday, March 30, 2011. He was born in Ponte Nova, Bahia, Brazil to S. Irvine and Ruth (Wyant) Graham.

Bill proudly served his country in the US Navy. He received a bachelor's degree from Tarkio College; attended Monmouth College and graduated from Pittsburgh-Xenia Theological Seminary in 1953. Bill also attended New College School of Divinity in Edinburgh, Scotland. He served as pastor for Presbyterian churches in the Miami Presbytery from 1954 until he retired in 1987. Bill was honored as the Pastor Emeritus of Corinth Presbyterian Church in Dayton on October 18, 1992. He was a dedicated family man who loved gardening and

grew wonderful vegetables and flowers.

Bill is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Kathryn (Ledbetter) Coe Graham; daughter, Susan Graham of Centerville; son, Mark (Chris) Graham of Ponce Inlet, FL; step-daughter, Karen Coe (Jim) Stine of Maineville, OH; step-sons, Stephen (Lisa) Coe of Beavercreek and Michael Coe of Kettering; grandchildren, Olivia and Scarlet Coe and Matthew Stine; brothers, Jim (Martha) Graham of Sierra Vista, AZ, Robert (Stella) Graham of Niagara-on-the-Lake, Ontario, Canada and Stanley Graham of Minneapolis, MN; and numerous nieces and nephews.

A memorial service was held on May 21, 2011 at at Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, 4417 Bigger Road, Dayton, OH 45440 with The Rev. Dr. Julia Wharff Piermont, officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Sugar Creek Presbyterian Church, 4417 Bigger Road, Dayton, OH 45440; Presbytery of the Miami Valley, 1541 S. Smithville Rd., Dayton, OH 45410 or the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd St., New York, NY 10016.

## COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

May 11, 2011

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)

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

### COUNCIL (CNCL)

#### Class of 2013

Elder Carol Hess

#### Class of 2014

Elder Pat Youther

### COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY (COM)

#### Class of 2012

Rev. Jim Graham

#### Class of 2014

Rev. Jackie Nowak

Rev. Arby Conn

Elder Michael Sewer (Fairborn: First)

Elder Marj Lawson (Dayton: Southminster)

Elder Peter Wallace (Urbana: First)

Elder Ron Schultz (Covington)

### COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY (CPM)

#### Class of 2013

Elder Ruth Gordon (Dayton: Sugar Creek)

#### Class of 2014

Rev. Wayne Morrison

Rev. Anne Horton

Elder Daryl Blevins (Beavercreek: Kirkmont)

### NETWORKS SUPPORT COMMITTEE (NSC)

#### Class of 2013

Elder Audrey Gillespie (Piqua: Westminster)

#### Class of 2014

Rev. Carmen Garrigan

Elder Tom Milligan (Sidney: First)

Elder Ann Peters (New Carlisle: Honey Creek)

Elder Tom Oole (Dayton: Corinth)

STAFF SERVICES COMMITTEE (SSC)

Class of 2013

Elder Ruth Gordon (Dayton: Sugar Creek)

Class of 2014

Elder Hank Baust (Dayton: Corinth)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES (TRTS)

Class of 2013

Rev. John Person

KIRKMONT CENTER BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Class of 2014

Rev. Laurie Davis

Elder Buzz Reed (Xenia: Westminster)

For action, the Committee on Nominations places the following names in nomination as committee chairs for the 2011-2012 year:

Council – Elder Marge Morgan

Committee on Ministry – Rev. Shelley Wiley

Committee on Preparation for Ministry – Rev. Megan Collins

Networks Support Committee – Elder Tom Milligan

Committee on Representation – Elder Artence Walton

Self-Development of People – Rev. Janet Dillaman

Staff Services Committee – Rev. Kazy Hinds

Board of Trustees – Rev. Richard Culp

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May 2011

To congregations of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

*May grace, mercy, and peace be yours in abundance (Jude 1:2).*

The debate about ordination standards has been a Presbyterian family struggle for much of the last three decades. We have sought to find that place where every congregation and every member, deacon, elder, and minister of the Word and Sacrament can share their gifts in ministry while, at the same time, the integrity of every congregation, member, deacon, elder, and minister is respected.

This year, the conversation has focused on Amendment 10-A that was passed by the 219th General Assembly (2010) and sent to presbyteries for approval. While we wait for official tallies, it appears that 87 presbyteries will approve 10-A during the week of May 9, which is the majority required for approval.

If this becomes official, the new language outlining the gifts and requirements for ordained service will say the following:

*Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G-14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.*

This decision begins with an unequivocal affirmation that ordained office will continue to be rooted in each deacon, elder, and minister's "joyful submission to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life."

This action also has important effects on our life together as a church, namely:

- in keeping with our historic principles of church order, each session and presbytery will continue to determine the suitability of individuals seeking ordination within its bounds.
- persons in a same-gender relationship may be considered for ordination and/or installation as deacons, elders, and ministers of the Word and Sacrament within the PC(USA); and
- all other churchwide standards for ordination remain unchanged.

Reactions to this change will span a wide spectrum. Some will rejoice, while others will weep. Those who rejoice will see the change as an action, long in coming, that makes the PC(USA) an inclusive church that recognizes and receives the gifts for ministry of all those who feel called to ordained office. Those who weep will consider this change one that compromises biblical authority and acquiesces to present culture. The feelings on both sides run deep.

However, as Presbyterians, we believe that the only way we will find God’s will for the church is by seeking it together – worshiping, praying, thinking, and serving alongside one another. We are neighbors and colleagues, friends and family. Most importantly, we are all children of God, saved and taught by Jesus Christ, and filled with the Holy Spirit.

We hold to the strong affirmation that all of us are bound together as the church through Jesus Christ our Lord. “There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all,” Paul wrote to the Ephesians (4:5-6).

It is Jesus Christ who calls individuals to ordained ministries, and all those who are called to ordained office continue to acknowledge Jesus as Lord of all and Head of the church. It is this same Jesus Christ who is the foundation of our faith and to whom we cling.

No doubt, there will be several news stories and other reports about this change in the days ahead. A number of resources, including frequently asked questions and liturgical resources, are available for you at <http://oga.pcusa.org>. In addition, for those who wish to comment on or inquire further about 10-A, please contact [ga.amendments@pcusa.org](mailto:ga.amendments@pcusa.org) or call (888) 728-7228, ext. 8202.

We invite you to join us in prayer:

***Almighty God, we give thanks for a rich heritage of faithful witnesses to the gospel throughout the ages. We offer gratitude not only for those who have gone before us, but for General Assembly commissioners and presbyters across the church who have sought diligently to discern the mind of Christ for the church in every time and place, and especially in this present time.***

***May your Spirit of peace be present with us in difficult decisions, especially where relationships are strained and the future is unclear. Open our ears and our hearts to listen to and hear those with whom we differ. Most of all, we give thanks for Jesus Christ, our risen Savior and Lord, who called the Church into being and who continues to call us to follow his example of loving our neighbor and working for the reconciliation of the world. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.***




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**Frequently Asked Questions**  
**Amendment 10-A and ordination standards**  
**Office of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**What has happened?**

In July 2010, the 219th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) approved a proposed amendment (10-A) to the *Book of Order*, part of the PC(USA) Constitution, regarding ordination standards. As with all constitutional changes, Amendment 10-A required ratification by a majority (87) of the PC(USA)'s 173 presbyteries (regional bodies) for it to become part of the *Book of Order*. While the Office of the General Assembly awaits official tallies, it appears that the minimum number of 87 presbyteries will be reached the week of May 9.

**What will change?**

The following provision that is currently in the *Book of Order* (G-6.0106b) will be changed:

*Those who are called to office in the church are to lead a life in obedience to Scripture and in conformity to the historic confessional standards of the church. Among these standards is the requirement to live either in fidelity within the covenant of marriage between a man and a woman (W-4.9001), or chastity in singleness. Persons refusing to repent of any self-acknowledged practice which the confessions call sin shall not be ordained and/or installed as deacons, elders, or ministers of the Word and Sacrament.*

The new language (Amendment 10-A) will read:

*Standards for ordained service reflect the church's desire to submit joyfully to the Lordship of Jesus Christ in all aspects of life (G-1.0000). The governing body responsible for ordination and/or installation (G.14.0240; G- 14.0450) shall examine each candidate's calling, gifts, preparation, and suitability for the responsibilities of office. The examination shall include, but not be limited to, a determination of the candidate's ability and commitment to fulfill all requirements as expressed in the constitutional questions for ordination and installation (W-4.4003). Governing bodies shall be guided by Scripture and the confessions in applying standards to individual candidates.*

**What does this mean?**

- Ordaining bodies continue to retain the right and responsibility to determine their own memberships. A congregation continues to elect their deacons and elders and the session examines them for suitability of office. Likewise, presbyteries examine individuals for suitability to be ordained as ministers of the Word and Sacrament.
- A person in a same-gender relationship can be considered for ordination as deacon, elder, or Minister of the Word and Sacrament.
- All other churchwide standards for ordination remain unchanged. (There was never a prohibition against a person being ordained based on sexual orientation, as long as that person was celibate.)

**What's next?**

Amendment 10-A will take effect on July 10, 2011 (one year after the adjournment of the last assembly). Already, the change has energized many conversations at all levels across the PC(USA) about how we can best enable the gifts of those called to service in Christ's church and have mutual respect for each other's integrity. In addition, sessions and presbyteries will review their processes for examination.

**For more detailed information and additional resources:** <http://oga.pcusa.org>

Includes links to:           Pastoral letter to congregations of the PC(USA) – also in Spanish and Korean  
  Liturgical resources – also in Spanish and Korean  
  Advisory Opinion #24 – also in Spanish and Korean  
  Various video podcasts – including one in Spanish and one in Korean

## LITURGICAL RESOURCES

*To be considered for use after the passage of Amendment 10-A*

### SENTENCES OF SCRIPTURE

As many of you as were baptized into Christ  
have clothed yourselves with Christ.

*Galatians 3:27*

**There is one body and one Spirit,  
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,  
one Lord, one faith, one baptism,  
one God and Father of all,  
who is above all and through all and in all.**

*Ephesians 4:4-6*

### STATEMENT ON THE MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

We are called by God  
to be the Church of Jesus Christ,  
a sign in the world today  
of the new life that God intends for all.  
In our life together  
we are to display the new reality  
that sin is forgiven,  
reconciliation accomplished,  
and the dividing walls of hostility torn down.

*Based on Book of Order  
G-3.0200 - .0401*

As the living body of Christ,  
the church is called  
to proclaim the good news of salvation,  
to present the claims of the gospel on people's lives,  
and to demonstrate Christ's love in service to the world.  
We are called to undertake this mission  
even at the risk of life,  
trusting God in all things.  
In faith we embrace  
a new openness to what God is doing in our time,  
a renewed obedience to our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and a new joy in our common worship and work.

Today we reclaim our historic calling  
and remember the great ends of the church:

**The proclamation of the gospel  
for the salvation of humankind;  
the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship  
of the children of God;  
the maintenance of divine worship;**

*Book of Order  
G-1.0200*

**the preservation of the truth;  
the promotion of social righteousness;  
and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven  
to the world.**

From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Occasional Services* (Geneva Press, 1999) 92.

### **PRAYERS**

*This prayer might be included among the Prayers of the People or used at a session meeting.  
It would be especially appropriate for an elder to lead the prayer.*

Gracious God,  
pour out your Spirit of power and truth  
upon the whole church  
that we may be for you a holy people,  
baptized to serve you in the world.  
Sustain this congregation in ministry.  
Ground us in the gospel,  
secure our hope in Jesus Christ,  
strengthen our service to the outcast,  
and increase our love for one another.  
Show us the transforming power  
of your grace in our life together,  
that we may be servants of the gospel,  
offering a compelling witness in the world  
to the good news of Christ Jesus our Lord.  
**Amen.**

From the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) *Book of Occasional Services* (Geneva Press, 1999) 30.

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)**

Merciful God,  
through your Spirit of grace and power  
you have called us together as the body of Christ.  
Yet we have fallen short of demonstrating our visible oneness in Christ.  
We have damaged your church, created factions,  
and caused harm by stereotyping and demeaning one another.

Forgive us, Lord.  
In this time of change within the church,  
draw us closer to you and to one another.  
Help us to look beyond our differences  
to see our common calling in and through you  
to proclaim the gospel in word and deed  
to a world in desperate need.  
We pray in the name of our risen Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

## **A BIDDING PRAYER**

Eternal and almighty God,  
we give thanks for your Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Lord and Savior.  
You raised him from the grave  
to reign in glory with you and the Holy Spirit now and forever.

We pray for the Church of Jesus Christ around the world,  
and especially for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).  
May all that we do and all that we say  
give glory to the risen Christ.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for congregations engaged in faithful service and ministry.  
Give them joy and gladness  
as they love the world you so love.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for Christians who serve in a multitude of ways,  
that they may live out their callings with inspiration and purpose.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those called and set apart for special service to your church,  
that they may discern the leading of your Spirit  
and guide your people with wisdom and humility.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for all members of the Presbyterian Church (USA) in this season.  
May those who have opposed this change, and those who welcome it,  
set aside disagreements to remember that you have called us together  
for salvation and service.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for our church as we face the future together,  
that even in days of uncertainty, we might boldly proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever.  
Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Now to the One who by the power at work within us  
is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,  
**to God be glory in the church**  
**and in Christ Jesus to all generations,**  
**forever and ever. Amen.**