

Mid-week E-News February 16,2023

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

"Inspire, Strengthen, And Challenge Congregations For Christ's Mission." 2-18, 2020

Coordinating Team

Purpose: To organize the life of the Presbytery, and to hold the Presbytery accountable to its mission and vision by coordinating all presbytery strategic and long-range planning activities, presbytery meeting agendas, staffing, and budget creation.

Membership: Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Clerk, chairs of the four Commissions, four at- large members, one of whom shall be from among one of PC(USA)'s recognized racial ethnic constituency groups, and a convener.

Stated Presbytery Meeting, Tuesday, February 21,2023

Greetings, Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders, Commissioned Ruling Elders, and Christian Educators. You are invited to participate in the 265th stated meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley Tuesday, February 21,2023, at Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio. This will be a hybrid meeting, you will also be able to participate online via Zoom video conference if you so choose. Look for the Zoom Invitation soon.

Update from Bill Gause, Presbytery Stated Clerk.

These amendments have been sent to the Presbyteries for ratification. Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) will begin consideration of these amendments at its February 21, 2023 stated meeting.



The 225th General Assembly (2022) approved and recommended to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes proposed changes in the language of the Book of Order that, if approved, will amend the Constitution.

Please review: The OGA page which contains the link to the booklet: [https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/proposed-](https://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/proposed-amendments-constitution/)

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Dear Scioto Valley Friends,
I have been from Ironton to Delaware (sorry Iberia...you are on my list sometime), and from Hilliard to Newark. I have been in small congregations and large. So far, I've been blessed to worship God with you, see you at the PIE event, moderate session and congregational meetings, and now I'll celebrate the resurrection with a memorial service for Rev. Dr. Tom Mori. THEN I get to see more of you at the Presbytery Meeting! Such excitement, I hope you can feel it!



I am delighted that the first presbytery meeting that I get to attend in person is being hosted just down the hall from my office! We will gather at Overbrook in the chapel on Tuesday, February 21. I do hope you'll arrive early and stop in the presbytery office. Maybe you'll look around at the resources available for you, maybe you'll want to pick up a robe or stole to use or gift, maybe you'll want to say hi to Dagmar or me. Please come early!

[Read more from Kathy](#)



Discernment and Design Administrative Commission Update February 21, 2023

Your Discernment and Design team continues to do the work with which we have been charged. We held a one-day retreat at the end of January, facilitated by Emily Swanson of Holy Cow! Consulting, where we worked to identify five core values that undergird this Presbytery. We look forward to sharing them at the February 21 Presbytery meeting. Thank you for your support, and as always, please keep us in your prayers.

Trauma: Poverty, Race and Trafficking A Zoom Matthew 25 Event. Join us Saturday, February 18th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.

on Zoom to learn about what trauma is, how it affects you and how it affects people who have experiences that are different from your own.

Register in advance for this meeting:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/joining/register/tZ0kfuGqgTotGtULGTXT-CUYRlfrzGWnRBO3>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. This Matthew 25 Zoom is sponsored by the Commission for Nurture and Outreach. If you have any questions, please contact the Rev. Katie Kinnison at revkatiek@gmail.com.

Christian Education Conversation on Zoom, March 7 at 7 p.m.

Are you in charge of Christian Education in your congregation? Plan to join us on Tuesday, March 7 for a conversation on Zoom at 7:00 p.m. What are your burning issues? VBS? Summer programming? Sharing new ideas? Getting input on problems you're having?

Register here at <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZIpf-gvqDIqHdQkPwZeeJ576gWqsoCyyjar>



**“God is our refuge and strength ...
though the mountains shake.”**

- Psalm 46:1-3

A 7.8 magnitude earthquake near the Turkey-Syria border struck in the early hours of February 6. This earthquake is estimated to affect more than 23 million

people and has caused extensive damage, injury, and a death toll in the tens of thousands.

Through a coordinated response by Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) and World Mission, PMA has contacted multiple long-term partners in the region. Right now this coordinated response is focusing on distributing winterization items (blankets, mattresses), food items, and medicines.

Presbyterians are also being asked to contribute financially to these relief efforts through PMA/PDA.

GIVE: Financial support for relief efforts can be designated to **DR999999-ST earthquake**. Gifts can be made **online by clicking here**, by phone at (800) 872-3283, or by check made payable to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with **“DR999999-ST Earthquake”** written on the memo line and mailed to Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), P.O. Box 643700, Pittsburgh, PA 15264-3700.

Commission for Church Professionals News, Updates and Upcoming Events. Purpose:

To foster the faith and vitality of those who are called to professional ministry pastors, associate pastors, designated pastors, interim pastors, honorably retired teaching elders, stated supply, temporary supply, teaching elders in specialized ministry, inquirers, candidates, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian educators, and ministers at large.



Prayers of Thanksgiving for the Life and Ministry of the Reverend Dr. Thomas Mori who died February 3, 2003. A memorial service for Tom is Saturday, February 18, at the Underwood Funeral Home, 703 E. Fifth Avenue, Marysville, Ohio. Calling hour are from 10-11 a.m. followed by a Memorial Service at 11:00 a.m.

Transitional Ministry

We really need those trained in Transitional Ministry in this presbytery. We have many churches in transition now, and others coming up. Transitional Ministry is not just what you do when you retire from the pastorate. Transitional Ministry is walking with churches through good times, sad times, changing times, and times of planning. Transitional Ministry is helping to resolve issues, clearing out cobwebs, thinking creatively. If you think Transitional Ministry (formerly known as Interim Ministry) is a possible calling for you, please see this advertisement for classes.



Register now for *The Art of Transitional Ministry Training, Week I & II. May 22-26, 2023 at the beautiful Mercy Center, St. Louis, MO*

We live in a crazy time of transition in our churches and culture. Transitional Ministry Education is not limited to those presently engaged in or inquiring about transitional ministry. Anyone interested in learning how to walk through change alongside your church is invited to join in. *PLUS, we have expanded to include a more diverse faculty and re-worked curriculum for this spring.*

[READ MORE AND REGISTER](#)

Mark Your Calendar, Future Events....

Synod of the Covenant Healthy Boundaries Trainings in 2023

Introduction to Boundaries Training. Three identical classes, each five hours split over two days, will be offered this year. The dates and times are: **April 25-26, 1:00 to 3:30, October 2-3, 6:00 to 8:30, and November 7-8, 1:00 to 3:30.** It's already possible to register for these. Head to [Leadership Development Workshops - Synod of the Covenant](#) and you'll find the zoom links there for registration.

"Come and See! Go and Tell! Pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine. New date: November 30-December 12, 2023.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley and the Presbytery of Miami Valley are co-sponsoring a study pilgrimage to Israel/Palestine with an optional extension to Jordan in November 2023. The trip, which will be led by the Rev. Mary Gene Boteler and Dr. Rick Nutt, will involve traveling to sacred sights and engaging with church and community leaders. Participants should expect to engage in a series of study sessions in preparation for the trip. Registration will be limited to 20. See the brochure and registration form. Here is the link: <https://psvonline.org/events/come-and-see-go-and-tell-november-5-17-2023/>

For additional information, contact Rev. Boteler at mgboteler@gmail.com.

Presbyterian Calendar. Your photos tell your story. And who knows? They just might be part of the 2023-24 Presbyterian Planning Calendar. LOUISVILLE — By way of photo submission, Presbyterians are invited to tell the world the ways their church, worshiping community, mid council or organization is carrying out the [Matthew 25 invitation](#).

[READ MORE](#)

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

February

21, 3:00 p.m., Presbytery Meeting, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus.

23, 10:00 a.m. CRE Task Team Zoom Meeting.

28, 1:00 p.m., Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) Zoom Meeting.

March

7, 7:00 p.m. Christian Education Conversation Zoom Meeting

2023 Presbytery Meeting Dates

Tuesday, February 21, Columbus, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, 3:00 p.m.

Tuesday, May 16, Circleville Presbyterian Church, 3:00 p.m.

September 19 and November 14 (TBA)

Scioto Valley Presbytery staff is working in the office, and available by email or phone. The Presbytery Office Hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) News, Updates and Upcoming Events. Purpose: To provide and nurture educational, connectional, and outreach opportunities, which promote growth in discipleship, encourage congregational mission partnerships, and support special areas of ministry, such as peacemaking, youth and campus ministry.

Mission Exchange Program in Berlin

A volunteer program in Berlin, hosted by the Berliner Missionswerk, will fund two participants starting in September for a 10 month program. Volunteers will be involved in different projects through two parish communities in and around Berlin. Berliner Missionswerk will incorporate the volunteers into their seminar program to introduce them to German culture, history, and

language. This also allows the U.S. participants to get to know other volunteers, who come from other countries and backgrounds. If you wish to apply, please send your application by April 1 to Alethia White at alethia.white@pcusa.org. There will be some assistance with expenses and in general it should be quite a low-cost program for the participants. Here is the information: [Berlin Flyer](#) and [Berlin Application](#).

International Mission Conference

In July the Czech Brethren Church along with the Czech Partnership Network (a committee of both Czech and American churches) will be hosting a conference in Olomouc, Czech Republic that is open to youth, adults, and any churches who may be especially interested in joining this partnership in the future. Alethia White is a PCUSA representative for this network and will be attending the conference. If you want more information, contact Alethia at: **Ryan & Alethia White** <alethia.ryan@gmail.com>

Partners in Education (PIE) resources are available.

2023 Resources: <https://psvonline.org/clerks-resources/minutes-archives/change-address-forms/>

Links to watch trainings:

2021: <https://youtu.be/4COFd8BmPEQ>

2022 Elder: <https://youtu.be/ld62okcBsII>

2022 Deacon Panel: <https://youtu.be/pDgHCkVFTzw>

Neighborhood Mission Grant

Perhaps YOUR congregation has a project that involves members of the congregation in "hands-on" ministry that builds a relationship between the congregation and the community. Grants up to \$2,000 are available starting in 2023. More information here: [Neighborhood Mission Grant | Presbytery of Scioto Valley \(psvonline.org\)](#)



Join our Presbytery-wide Prayer Group that meets by phone each Tuesday at 10:00 AM. The group prays for our Presbytery, its churches, and other concerns raised by the group. Simply call 240-591-0333 and when prompted enter code 783190#. The group is led by Rev. Don Pendell.

YouTube Channel. A reminder that our presbytery has a YouTube channel. (<https://www.youtube.com/c/SciotoValleyPresbytery>) with videos on officer training, global mission, curriculum selection, Presbyterian Women gatherings, Matthew 25 programs, and more from our presbytery.

Commission for Congregational Life (CCL). Purpose: To promote and nurture healthy, faith-filled relationships within and among congregations and the presbytery through facilitation, communication, and coordination.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley includes 87 churches with a membership of 12,996 (updated March 9, 2022). Surrounding the metropolitan center of Columbus, Ohio, the Presbytery extends northward to Marion, east to Newark, west to London and southward to the Ohio River. The southern portion of the presbytery is distinguished by an Appalachian culture, where there are many small towns and much rugged open country. Scioto Valley Presbytery is represented in 21 Counties: Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence, Licking, Madison, Marion, Meigs, Morrow, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union, and Vinton.



February Prayer List for Scioto Valley Congregations and Pastors

*Throughout each month we lift up in prayer some of our congregations and their pastors.
During the year we hope to pray for every one of our congregations and their pastoral leaders.*

Chillicothe, First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Jason Link.

Circleville Presbyterian Church, Pastor Nancy Dederer.

Columbus, First Presbyterian Church, Worship Leader.

Columbus, Bethany Presbyterian Church, Pastor Edward Lewis.

Employment Opportunity.

Worthington Presbyterian Church, 773 High Street, Worthington, is looking for a part-time bookkeeper. This candidate will maintain accurate accounting and related finance records of the church and preschool, including the deposit of all donations received by the church and the preparation of periodic contribution statements for members of the congregation. The role reports to the Executive Administrator and is 24 hours per week. View full jobdescription <https://files.snappages.site/X7MGN4/assets/files/WPC-Bookkeeper-Job-Description.pdf>. Interested persons should submit a resume to Doug Fell at execadmin@wpcnow.org with the subject line: Bookkeeper.

Hoge Memorial Presbyterian Church, located at 2930 West Broad Street, Columbus is looking for a pro-active, efficient sexton who processes a respect for our religion and the cultural beliefs of others. This candidate will ensure that all publicly accessible areas are clean in the church. The job requires making minor repairs, changing light bulbs, vacuuming, sweeping, and scrubbing floors, sanitizing surfaces, and restocking supplies. Work hours are 9-2 M-F. Starting salary is \$16.00/hour with 11 paid holidays. Contact Natalie Alter at Alinefromnat@aol.com with the subject line word Sexton.

PC(USA) pastor and film critic Dr. Edward McNulty releases his Top 10 film list for 2022. Communication January 31, 2023. Read about films that explore the life worth living, celebrate the human spirit, challenge accepted norms, open our eyes to new truths — and warn us about the wages of sin.

[Top 10 Film List.](#)

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