

Mid-week E-News February 23,2023

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God, who made heaven and earth, the sea,
and all that is in them; who keeps faith forever.- Psalm 146:5-6 (NRSV)

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.

Update from Bill Gause, Presbytery Stated Clerk.

These amendments have been sent to the Presbyteries for ratification.



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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At the February 21 stated meeting of the presbytery, commissioners were charged with considering 19 of the 33 amendments to the Book of Order that were passed by the 225th General Assembly last summer. Those amendments were designated 22-A through 22-S. Of those 19 amendments, 16 were ratified by the presbytery. The three amendments that were considered but which did not receive enough votes for ratification are 22-I, 22-M, and 22-S. The remaining fourteen amendments will be considered at the May 16 stated meeting of the presbytery. An amendment must be ratified by a majority of the 167 presbyteries (84 presbyteries) in order to become a part of the Book

of Order. Those amendments ratified this spring will become a part of the new edition of the Book of Order to be published this summer.

Hello Friends,

Some of you were present (either in person or on Zoom) for this week's presbytery meeting. It was delightful to see you! As usual, the technology worked really well when it did! We are grateful for the continued faithfulness of our tech team!



We heard updates on offerings of trainings from the Synod, two checks were handed out from the PILP, and the Discernment & Design AC gave a wonderful update on the work they have done to identify core values for the presbytery. You can find more detail in the packet from the meeting. The presbytery Commissions also provided some updates on their work.

The Rules for Hybrid meetings was passed (so now we don't have to read them and accept them each meeting), a proposal for a change in the committee on representation's work was offered for first read, and several folks were nominated and elected to committees and commissions, for which we are grateful!

We also made a good dent on the proposed amendments to the constitution! We passed all but three of the amendments, and we covered those from 22-A to 22-S. The three that we voted down included 22-I (paid family medical leave of 12 weeks), 22-M (electronic session meetings), and 22-S (trust and confidentiality). The concerns about 22-I related to the potential cost to smaller churches, the concerns about 22-M related to the repetition thus lack of need to add, and the concerns about 22-S related to the concern that the inserted wording was less clear than what already existed.

We will be looking at the remaining items, which includes a whole replacement of the Book of Discipline. Several of the amendments are changes to the existing Book of Discipline, which would be used only if the whole replacement is not passed. However, we need to vote on all of the items in case.

The May meeting will be hosted at Circleville. We look forward to more chances to see each other!

In Christ's service, Kathy Nice

Discernment and Design Administrative Commission Update from the Presbytery meeting, February 21, 2023



At this week's Presbytery meeting, the Rev. Steve Brand reported on behalf of your Discernment & Design Administrative Commission. He presented core values that this team has developed as a result of all we have learned since you commissioned us to this work.

- **Nurturing Spiritual Community** – We ground our work in the Spirit of God and nurture the faith and lives of those we serve.
- **Connection:** Focusing on what connects us creates community and deepens our relationship with God.
- **Unity in Diversity:** The diverse experiences and gifts of our people and communities strengthen us.
- **Spirit-led Adaptability:** We are open and responsive to the Spirit at work in our changing world.
- **Outreach:** We walk with others in partnership and compassion to improve the human condition.

We want to hear from you and your church. Share a quick story with us (max 2-3 sentences!) of a time your church has exemplified one of these core values of our Presbytery. Email your story to discernment@psvonline.org. Thanks for your support, and, as always, please keep us in your prayers.



We give thanks for the life of Elder Marilyn Shreffler who died February 2, 2023. Marilyn served as Moderator of the Presbytery in 1997, and also president of the Columbus Metropolitan Church Council for a number of years. Please keep her family in your prayers.

Elder Paul McCalla, a past Moderator of the Presbytery in 1995, passed away in the early morning of February 18, 2023. We give thanks for the life of Elder Paul McCalla. Please keep his family in your prayers.

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/tZ1pf-gvqDIqHdQkPwZeeJ576gWqsoCyyjar>



Come Walk the Labyrinth!

The Presbytery's labyrinth is set up in the chapel at Overbrook Presbyterian Church during Lent. Stop by anytime during office hours, Monday through Friday 9-4 and spend some time in quiet reflection or stop by before or after your Presbytery business.

Mary Gause, Associate Pastor, Overbrook Presbyterian Church

The Presbytery Matthew 25 Group invites you to join us on **Saturday, March 18** at 10:00 a.m. at Capital University for "Undesign the Redline", an interactive exhibit that explores the history of structural racism caused by the 1938 redlining maps. This exhibit examines how this inequality continues to impact our communities today, focusing on the ways in which we can come together to "undesign" these systems with intentionality. We will gather from 11:00 - 11:30 am at Capital to reflect on our experience. Please contact Steve Hills at stephen.m.hills@gmail.com for more information and to sign up.

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.

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](#)

Commission and Ministry Team Meetings

February

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

March

2, 10:00 a.m. Book Study - Presbytery office and Zoom.

6, 12:30 p.m. Commission for Church Professionals Zoom Meeting.

6, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Congregational Life Zoom Meeting.

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

9, 1:00 p.m. Nominating Committee Zoom Meeting.

13, 3:00 p.m. Commission for Presbytery Operations Hybrid Meeting.

16, 10:00 a.m. New Pastors Conference - Presbytery Office.

21, 4:00 p.m. Coordinating Team Zoom Meeting.

23, 10:00 a.m. Commissioned Ruling Elder Ministry Team Zoom Meeting.

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

2023 Presbytery Meeting Dates

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.

Kathleen (Kathy) Nice, Transitional General

Presbyter, generalpresbyter@psvonline.org

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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.

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, located at 773 High Street, Worthington, Ohio 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. Apply by contacting 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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