

**The Presbytery of
Scioto Valley, PC(USA)
278th Stated Meeting**



**Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 3:30 P.M.
Circleville Presbyterian Church,
Circleville, OH and Via Zoom**

Zoom Sign-In Information will be available via e-mail from Dagmar Romage
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Proposed Agenda

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PCUSA)
Two Hundred and Seventy-Eighth Stated Meeting
Tuesday, May 19, 2026, 3:30 p.m.
Circleville Presbyterian Church, Circleville, OH and via Zoom Video Conference
Moderator: Ruling Elder Alice Karen Hite (Pataskala, Outville)
The Meeting Packet is available online at www.psvonline.org

Pre-Presbytery Meeting Event (1:30-3:00)

Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr., will lead a workshop titled *Healing Fractured Communities*.

I. Call to Order & Opening Prayer (3:30-5:00)

- A. Opening Prayer and Greetings from the Host Pastor, Rev. Dr. Nancy Jo Dederer
- B. Statement of Acknowledgment of Native Lands

II. Worship & Education

- A. The Presbytery will join together in worship. We welcome to the pulpit as our guest preacher, Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe Jr., (President of Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, OK). During worship we will commission our delegates to this summer's General Assembly.
- B. The presbytery will then participate in a brief educational seminar Led by Rev. Dr. Powe which will draw from his books *Not Safe for Church* (Abingdon Press, 2015) and *The Adept Church* (Abingdon Press, 2020).

III. Business Meeting (5:00-6:00)

- A. Convening the Meeting
 - 1. Moderator's Welcome & Announcements
 - 2. Declaration of a Quorum and Formation of the Roll
 - 3. Consideration of the Meeting Agenda
 - 4. Consideration of the Consent Agenda
 - 5. Seating Corresponding Members & Guests
- B. Commission and Committee Reports and Action Items
 - 1. Presbytery's Council - Ruling Elder Alice Karen Hite
 - a. **For Action: Motion to Adopt the document Procedures When Filing a Complaint** (See pages 10-11 of the meeting packet for the full text of this policy).
 - 2. Commission for Justice, Outreach, and Education -- Ruling Elder Tina Jonson
 - a. Announcement of Upcoming CJOE Sponsored Presbytery Events
 - 3. Nominating Committee – Rev. Désirée Youngblood
 - a. **For Action: Elect Commission and Committee members for the Classes and Terms Indicated.** (See Nominating Committee Report on page 13 of the meeting packet for the slate of nominees.)

4. Commission for Presbytery Operations – Ruling Elder Marshall Geib
 - a. **Action Item: Motion to Dissolve Columbus, Crestview in thanksgiving to God for 111 years of ministry and to dismiss the Administrative Commission for Columbus, Crestview with the thanks and appreciation of the presbytery.**
 - b. **Action Item: Election of Corporate Officers**
 President (CPO Chair) – Marshall Geib (RE, London, First), 1/1/2026-12/31/2026
 Treasurer – Bob Patterson (RE, Westerville, Central College), 11/18/2025-11/19/2026
 5. Commission on Ministry
 - a. **Action Item: Motion to Create an Administrative Commission to Work with Ironton Church** which is exploring a departure from the PCUSA (See full text of the motion on page 24)
 - b. Recognition of retirements: Charlotte O’Neil and Robert Martin
 - c. Welcome new members: Scott Nowack (Marysville, First) and Adam Copeland (Member-at-large)
- D. New Business (if any)

IV. Go Out in Joy & Be Led Forth with Peace. (6:00 – 7:00)

- A. Celebrations, Announcements, and Life of the Church
- B. Closing Prayer: Vice-Moderator
- C. Adjournment & Benediction
- D. Fellowship Gathering: Everyone is invited to join us in Fellowship Hall for pizza, and fellowship. We hope to see you there!

Consent Agenda – May 19, 2026

278th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley

- I. Motion to approve of the minutes of the 277th stated meeting held at Overbrook Presbyterian Church in Columbus, OH and via Zoom video conference, on February 10, 2026, available for review on the presbytery website.
- II. Motion to approve the minutes of the commission to install Doug Browne, Pastor at Delaware, Old Stone.
- III. Motion to approve the minutes of the commission to ordain Brittany Porch, Stated Supply Pastor, Columbus, Broad Street.
- IV. Motion to approve the minutes of the commission to install Nate Achterhof, Pastor at Gahanna, Mifflin.

New Commissioner Orientation

As a new commissioner to the presbytery, we welcome you! The information below is provided for your orientation to the presbytery meeting and its activities. The meetings of presbytery are designed to provide opportunities for the community to worship and discuss issues together, as well as do necessary presbytery business. This hybrid meeting will be held at **Circleville Presbyterian Church in Circleville** but will also be conducted **online via Zoom** video conference. Protocols have been put in place to ensure equal access and participation regardless of which avenue you choose. These protocols, including voting procedures, can be found in the document entitled “Standing Rules for a Hybrid Presbytery Meeting” on pages 42-44 of this packet.

Presbytery meets from 3:30 – 6:00 p.m. although the end time may fluctuate depending on the amount of business to be conducted. There will be a pre-presbytery event beginning at 1:30 during which Rev. Dr. F. Douglas Powe, Jr. (President, Phillips Theological Seminary, Tulsa, OK), will lead a workshop titled *Healing Fractured Communities*.

The presbytery meeting will be called to order at 3:30 and we will begin with worship. Rev. Dr. Powe will preach and during the service, the delegates to this summer’s 227th General Assembly will be commissioned. Following worship, Dr. Pope will lead a brief educational seminar drawing from his experience and published works.

After worship, the business portion of the meeting will commence. The Moderator will invite commission and committee chairs to present their business to the gathered presbytery in order of the agenda as found on pages 2-3 of this packet.

All business to be considered at this meeting is contained in this packet. This E-Packet includes links to facilitate use and is especially designed for tablets and other devices. A print only version is also available. For easy access, this Packet is divided into several sections which are arranged according to the commissions and reporting entities of the Presbytery and in the order of the agenda for this particular meeting.

For those who may be unfamiliar, below is a list of some terms, abbreviations, and guidelines to help you be an effective participant in this meeting.

Consent Agenda -- items being reported to the Presbytery for their approval that are deemed routine such as approval of minutes or appointments of task forces or committees. Items in the Consent Agenda may be removed for discussion and action by commissioner motion and second.

Commissions/Committee with Common Abbreviations and Acronyms

BOP	Board of Pensions
CJOE	Commission for Justice, Outreach, and Education
COA	Committee for Overtures and Amendments
COM	Commission on Ministry
COR	Committee on Representation
CPO	Commission for Presbytery Operations
CRE	Commissioned Ruling Elder
FDN	Presbyterian Foundation
GA	General Assembly
HR	Honorably Retired (teaching elder)

Commissions/Committee with Common Abbreviations and Acronyms (cont.)

MWS	Minister of Word and Sacrament
NC	Nominating Committee
PCUSA	Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
PILP	Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program
PJC	Permanent Judicial Commission
PSV	Presbytery of Scioto Valley
RE	Ruling Elder
TE	Teaching Elder

Guidelines for Participating in Presbytery Meetings

1. If you wish to speak during the meeting, please rise and move to the microphone and wait to be recognized by the moderator. If you are online, please use the “Raise Hand” icon to be recognized. When recognized, please speak to the Moderator, not the assembly.
2. Introduce yourself, by stating your name, and home church or place of ministry.
3. The parliamentary authority is Robert’s Rule of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition (2020), unless the Book of Order (Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Constitution Part II) or the Manual of Operations of the Presbytery provide otherwise.
4. Motions presented by commissions or committees do not require a second.
5. During debate, each speaker will be allotted three minutes. A timer will be visible on the Zoom Screen in the meeting space and online. The timer will be green and will turn yellow when the speaker has 1:12 (40% of their allotted time) remaining and red when the speaker has 45 seconds (25% of their allotted time) remaining. The moderator will announce when the speaker’s time is complete, though speakers should wrap up their comments within the time allotted.
6. The moderator will normally alternate between speeches for and against the motion before the assembly.
7. A speaker may only speak twice to a particular motion and may not claim the floor a second time while anyone wishing to speak for the first time is waiting their turn.
8. The maker of the motion or commission/committee presenter may make the final speech.
9. Speakers should only address the moderator and should refrain from addressing or referencing any member of the body by name.
10. Only enrolled commissioners (ruling elder commissioners, teaching elders, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian Educators in active service, and ruling elders serving on commissions) are authorized to speak and vote. Corresponding members are entitled to address the Presbytery. Visitors may be invited by the moderator to address the Presbytery.
11. Any substantive motion (new, amendment, substitute) made by a commissioner in the assembly must be given to the stated clerk in writing, at the time the motion is made. For Zoom participants, the chat feature may be used.
12. Any new business must be received by the stated clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting.

**Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Order of Worship
May 19, 2026**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: "I'm going fishing."

People: Jesus said, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people."

Leader: The world is our ocean.

People: We're called to dive in and follow Him.

Leader: Our nets are woven with hope, compassion, and grace.

People: We will share the love of God. Let's go fishing!

PRAYER OF THE DAY & THE LORD'S PRAYER

All: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

***HYMN GTG #726 Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

Gracious God,

when we are tossed about on the sea,
we forget to look for you on the shore.

When the winds blow around us,
we stop listening for your call.

We become so concerned with our empty nets
that we fail to recognize the needs of others.

Forgive us for the pride that keeps us from depending upon you.

Wash away our sins and make us free to serve wholeheartedly.

Open our eyes and calm our spirits

so that we may recognize you all around us.

Give us ears to hear you calling above the noise of the crowds.

Let repentance turn us back to you,

so that we may share the abundance you provide with all your beloved children.

(Silent confession)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

SCRIPTURE READING: John 21:1-8 (NRSVUE)

¹After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin,^[a] Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach, but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No." ⁶He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he had taken it off, and jumped into the sea. ⁸But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.

SERMON: "The Other Side"

F. Douglas Powe Jr.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: Confession of Belhar 10.7, 10.9 (Unison)**We believe**

that God has revealed God's self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;

that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged

that God calls the church to follow God in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;

that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;

that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;

that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;

that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;

that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;

that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged;

that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

We believe that,

In obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

COMMISSIONING SERVICE FOR GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMISSIONERS

SCRIPTURE READINGS: Galatians 3:27-28, Ephesians 4:1-6

Leader: As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

People: 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.

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard,

Leader: on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.

People: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

Leader: For there the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP

Leader: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

People: The great ends of the church are 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; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

QUESTIONS TO THE COMMISSIONERS

QUESTIONS TO THE PRESBYTERY

Leader: Do we, members of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, accept Todd, Jason, Tina, Susan as commissioners and Addie as young adult advisory delegate to the General Assembly, chosen by God through the voice of the church, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?

People: We do.

Leader: Do we promise to support and encourage them as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry?

People: We do.

COMMISSIONING PRAYER

Leader: Join me in prayer for our commissioners and delegate.

People: Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Be with members of the General Assembly. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use. In their deliberation, bring about what is best for us and for all people. As they meet, let your Holy Spirit guide so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

CHARGE

OFFERING

Today's offering has been designated by Council to benefit the PSV Mission Fund.

CLOSING HYMN GTG: #751 From the Nets of Our Labor (Hamilton)



TODAY WE WELCOME to the pulpit, the Rev. F. Douglas Powe Jr., PhD. Dr. Powe is President of Phillips Theological Seminary in Tulsa, Okla., where he leads the seminary in its work toward deep learning, faithful leadership, and global impact.

An ordained elder in The United Methodist Church, Dr. Powe is a respected scholar, teacher, and author whose work explores congregational vitality, urban ministry, and innovative approaches to evangelism. Before leading Phillips, he served as Director of the Lewis Center for Church Leadership and James C. Logan Professor of Evangelism at Wesley Theological Seminary.

His books include *Sustaining While Disrupting*, *The Adept Church*, and *Transforming Evangelism*. A graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University, Emory University's Candler School of Theology, and Emory's Graduate Division of Religion, Dr. Powe is widely sought after for his insights on faith, leadership, and the changing ministry environment.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Procedures when Filing a Complaint
 Adopted xx, 2026

Especially used with the Sexual Misconduct Policy, Anti-Harassment Policy,
 and the Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adult Policy

The Presbytery will not ignore complaints against minister members, employees, volunteers, those serving on committees or commissions, or officers of the Presbytery. All allegations of violation of policy should be ~~filed~~ **submitted** in writing by the **identified** complainant, or by a church member on behalf of a non-member who has allegedly been wronged.

~~The appropriate council or entity response will vary according to the relationship of the Presbytery with the person who is accused of misconduct or harassment. Church members and officers are subject to inquiry and discipline (censure and correction) under the Book of Order. Non-church member employees and volunteers are subject to oversight and correction by the council or entity that employs or engages them. The Presbytery will follow the Book of Order, Church Discipline section, utilizing procedures for the Disciplinary Process, which begins with section D-7.01.~~

If the Accused is covered by the Book of Order:

The Stated Clerk is the responsible party to receive all written allegations, unless the allegations are made against the Stated Clerk; then the allegations should be delivered to the Executive Presbyter, who will function as the Stated Clerk for this process. **When the Stated Clerk receives an allegation related to a member of a congregation, the Stated Clerk will forward that allegation to the appropriate clerk of session.**

When an allegation of offense of sexual misconduct or harassment has been received by the clerk of session or stated clerk of the presbytery, the clerk of the council will report to the council that an offense has been alleged and that the council will proceed according to the procedures set forth in the Church Discipline section of the Book of Order. The council shall appoint an investigating committee to inquire into the allegations. The investigating committee must promptly begin its inquiry into the allegations. Delay may cause further harm to the victim and/or the accused. The Presbytery will follow its Manual of Operations for guidance in forming investigating committees.

Councils and entities must report to and cooperate with civil authorities in an investigation of sexual abuse of children, youth, or vulnerable adults, or other criminal misconduct. Church disciplinary proceedings cannot interfere with a criminal investigation by civil authorities and may have to be suspended until these are completed.

The session has original jurisdiction in disciplinary cases involving members, ruling elders, and deacons of the church, each congregation having jurisdiction only over its own members.

A presbytery has original jurisdiction in disciplinary cases involving teaching elders. A presbytery may dissolve a pastoral relationship when the "Word imperatively demands it" (G-2.0904). However, a presbytery may only place a teaching elder on administrative leave when allegations of sexual abuse have been received, and the presbytery has followed the Book of Order procedures to conduct its risk evaluation to determine whether or not a teaching elder member accused of sexual abuse should be placed on administrative leave (D-7.0902). It is recommended that the permanent

49 judicial commission (PJC) members who will conduct this risk evaluation based upon the
50 allegations and a hearing should also take into account secular legal advice.

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52 When a church officer renounces jurisdiction, the clerk or stated clerk shall report the renunciation
53 at the next meeting of the council and shall record the renunciation in the minutes of the council.
54 The status of any pending charges shall be shared with the council at that time (D-7.0302e).

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56 ~~The Stated Clerk (or Executive Presbyter) will work with the Presbytery Moderator to select
57 members for an Investigating Committee. The Committee will function as described in D-7.0501.~~

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59 ~~If the allegation contends that sexual misconduct has occurred, the Stated Clerk (or Executive
60 Presbyter) will also notify civil legal authorities, pursuant to G-4.0302.~~

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62 Consistent with the Church Discipline section of the Book of Order, the Commission on Ministry
63 may provide support through the Mediation Team when mediation or specific listening skills are
64 needed to resolve a complaint once investigations are completed. The Commission on Ministry
65 may also provide **for** counseling to victims/complainants or **for** counseling/coaching to those
66 accused as needed according to their own procedures.

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68 **Accused Not Covered by the Book of Order**
69 When the Presbytery receives an accusation of offense of misconduct against a non-member
70 employee or volunteer, the procedural response of the council will be guided by the written
71 personnel policies of the council. Usually the council will have a personnel committee that will be
72 responsible for the inquiry. If a council does not have a personnel committee, it may appoint either
73 a committee or administrative commission for the review of the allegation. The committee or
74 commission that will respond to the allegation of offense of misconduct will do the following:

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76 a) Determine whether or not the allegation gives rise to a reasonable suspicion of
77 misconduct by the accused.
78 b) If so, gather additional information necessary to make a decision about correcting the
79 behavior.
80 c) Determine any remedies, including limiting ministry, suspension, or termination
81 necessary and advisable under the circumstances. If the accused is a member of
82 another denomination, that denomination will be notified of the allegations and the
83 response.
84 d) Inform the victim and the accused of the remedy.
85 e) While an investigation is under way, the accused shall not participate in Presbytery-
86 sponsored events.
87 f) In all cases, a written report will be prepared by the personnel committee or
88 administrative commission, which shall be included in the accused's permanent file.
89 The accused shall be allowed to attach any written statements to said documents, also
90 for permanent inclusion in the permanent file.

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92 All investigative procedures shall follow the guidelines set forth by the Presbytery.

Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Church Professionals Retreat 2026

I WILL GIVE YOU REST

*Receiving Jesus' rest for body,
mind, soul & world*

8 NOV, 6PM (DINNER) -
10 NOV, 10:30AM

To the weary and burdened, Jesus promises rest.
Step away to explore that rest, experience it,
and ask how to receive it and share it in ministry.

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Leadership: Rev. Dr. Matt Reeves, Pastor of Worthington
Presbyterian Church & Benedictine Oblate to the World
Community for Christian Meditation

**DESIGNED FOR PASTORS &
CHURCH EDUCATORS**

Nominating Committee

Report to Presbytery – May 19, 2026

Membership: Désirée Youngblood, Chair (MWS, London, First), Alice Karen Hite (RE, Pataskala, Outville), Robert Martin (MWS, Athens, First, Samuel Monte (MWS, Sunbury, Condit), Christina Piper (RE, Amanda), Brenda Pritchett (RE, Hilliard), Tom Rice (MWS, Worthington), George Ritter (RE, Gahanna, Mifflin), Liz Teitz (RE, Granville, First)

Commission on Ministry (COM)					
Class	Name	MWS/RE	Church Represented	Term	Other Info
2027	Betsy Cobb	RE	Newark, Second	1st	

Examination Readers - 2026 Nominations - One-Year Term					
Class	Name	MWS/RE	Church Represented	Term	Other Info
2026	Emily Corzine	MWS	Presbytery		
2026	Taylor Barner	MWS	OSU UKirk, Jacob's Porch		
2026	Lisa Eye	MWS-Alt.	Gahanna, Mifflin		
2026	Rob Rankin	RE	Westerville, First		
2026	Alice Karen Hite	RE	Pataskala, Outville		
2026	Susan Dietz	RE-Alt.	Logan, First		

Submitted by
Rev. Désirée Youngblood, Chair



Presbytery of Scioto Valley

Report on the Crestview Administrative Commission APRIL 17, 2026.

HISTORY

- The church has a proud history in the Clintonville neighborhood.
- They celebrated their 100th anniversary in 2015.
- The current church was built in 1923 with an addition being added in ~1961.
- The church and the manse were physically connected as part of the addition.
- The former manse (336 E. Tulane Ave) was sold in August 2018 for ~\$133,000.
- Access between the church and the former manse was “bricked up” (although they are still physically connected).
- Although physically connected, there is no access between the two properties.

BACKGROUND

Crestview Presbyterian Church has not had an active pastor (or CRE) for over 15 years. The congregation has been served by Carol Bogaards (a Ruling Elder) who has been their “Worship Leader” for over 15 years. At various times, Rev Leland Platt (Glen Echo) moderated their Session; Rev Phil Bougher (retired) served communion and performed baptisms: and RE Ken Watkins preached periodically.

Despite a membership of less than 25 and average Sunday attendance of about 15, the church maintained a very active Mission program – supporting Faith on Eighth and the House of Hope. The church also hosted six Alcoholics Anonymous and Al-Anon groups. There were groups meeting there nearly every day.

In fact, on the day of their final service, the women of the Church were serving dinner at the House of Hope (roast beef, mashed potatoes, gravy and a vegetable).

However, it is the opinion of the AC that this church SHOULD HAVE BEEN CLOSED long before now and that it has essentially been on “life-support”.

INSURANCE

In the spring of 2024, Crestview Presbyterian was notified by the Insurance Board (their insurance carrier) that their property and liability insurance was being cancelled. The reason given was the age and condition of the roof.

Jim Hines, working on behalf of the Presbytery, did an extensive facility assessment in order to determine if it would be possible to obtain insurance. Based on his assessment of the building, he determined that the facility needed in excess of \$100,000 in repairs due to deferred maintenance. Even with these repairs, the insurance broker indicated that we still would not be able to obtain property



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1 coverage on the church. Based on the condition of the building, he was able to
2 secure LIABILITY insurance but was unable to secure PROPERTY coverage.

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4 PSV asked Darin Campbell from Benchmark Insurance (the insurance broker for
5 both PSV and Westerville-First Presbyterian), to see if he could provide insurance
6 coverage for Crestview Presbyterian. Benchmark represents Mennonite Mutual
7 insurance, Cincinnati Insurance and several other carriers. Darin was instrumental
8 in getting Mennonite Mutual to agree to provide **LIABILITY COVERAGE ONLY**. After
9 talking with Mennonite Mutual and several other carriers, Benchmark was not able
10 to find an insurance carrier willing to provide property coverage. The consensus was
11 that no one was willing to provide **property coverage** until the Church dealt with
12 issues including the roof, boiler, electrical system and water damage in the church.

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14 As of October 2024, Crestview Presbyterian had LIABILITY coverage, but PSV was
15 unable to find PROPERTY coverage for the church.

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17 ***THE COMPLETE FACILITY ASSESSMENT IS ON FILE IN THE PSV OFFICES.***

APPOINTMENT of the ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

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22 10.14.2024 CPO moves to request the formation of an Administrative Commission for
23 the Crestview Presbyterian Church
24 11.11.2024 After hearing an appeal from Carol Bogaards, CPO reaffirmed the need for
25 the formation of an Administrative Commission
26 11.19.2024 Administrative Commission was commissioned by the Presbytery.
27 12.09.2024 The Crestview AC held their first organizational meeting.

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29 The Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) requested the appointment of an
30 Administrative Commission at the November 29, 2024, meeting of the Presbytery.
31 The motion was vehemently opposed by Crestview Presbyterian Church.
32 However, the motion was approved and the AC was established.

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34 ***A COPY OF THE MOTION IS ATTACHED AS PAGE 7 OF THIS REPORT.***

WORK OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

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37 The AC held its first meeting on December 9, 2024, and we approved Crestview's
38 request to hold their Annual Congregational meeting on January 19, 2025 (Lee Platt
39 moderated the Annual Meeting). The AC then met with 12-15 members of the
40 congregation following the Annual Meeting.



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During that meeting, the AC attempted to establish a working relationship with the Crestview congregation, but they made it abundantly clear that:

1. They DID NOT want the Presbytery's involvement or assistance:
2. That they did not want to discuss "downsizing" to a more affordable/ manageable facility
3. That they did not want to discuss "merging" with another church (e.g. Glen Echo or Overbrook)

In this first meeting, the Crestview members told the AC that their plan was to continue as a church until they ran out of money. Their projections (confirmed by the AC) were that they could survive until around Christmas 2025 or a little longer. The AC urged them to plan their final service in the fall – when the weather would be better and to then donate any remaining funds to one of the favorite charities. Again, their stated goal was to stay together until the money ran out. As a side note - In hindsight, a final service in the fall would have been more appropriate since the final service needed to be rescheduled twice due to inclement weather.

In an attempt to respect Crestview's opinion that they did not want Presbytery's involvement, we continued to work "behind the scenes" and did not meet with them again until July 13, 2025. Surprisingly, at that meeting, they were critical of the fact that we had not been there since the January Annual Meeting.

The AC met as follows:

- 12.09.2024 Crestview AC held their first organizational meeting.
- 01.15.2025 Crestview AC met for the first time in 2025.
- 01.19.2025 Crestview's Annual Meeting.
- 02.05.2025 Crestview AC meeting
- 07.13.2025 Crestview AC meeting with congregation at Crestview
- 09.18.2025 Crestview AC meeting
- 11.13.2025 Kathy Nice, Jim Hines and Jim Wilson met regarding lawsuit.
- 12.02.2025 Crestview AC meeting – postponed due to weather
- 12.10.2025 Crestview AC meeting w/ Crestview team in the PSV offices
- 02.25.2026 Crestview AC meeting
- 03.03.2026 Crestview AC meeting @ Crestview



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LAWSUIT

In October 2025, Crestview Presbyterian AND the Presbytery of Scioto Valley were notified that we were being sued by Lutricia Rippey (the Churches' former cleaning lady). Rippey alleged that she had been promised a year's worth of severance when the church closed but that – instead – she was fired on August 18, 2025 (on her birthday). Her suit was in the amount of \$4,420.

This was a classic case of “she said and they said”. She claimed she had been promised severance; the church claimed that she had not been promised any amount of severance.

On the advice of council (Jim Wilson), PSV negotiated an “out of court” settlement in the amount of \$2,500 instead of going before a magistrate in small claims court. This settlement caused a great deal of consternation with the members of the church, but PSV and the AC felt this was the best outcome.

A COPY OF THE LAWSUIT and THE RELEASE ARE ON FILE IN THE PSV OFFICES.

APPRAISAL

RE Bill Lucas arranged for an appraisal of the property. The appraisal was conducted by Samuel D Koon & Associates and is dated October 3, 2025. Koon appraised the property at a market value of \$335,000.

The market value of the property has been adversely impacted by several factors:

- The condominium form of ownership - due to the attached former manse
- The physical condition of the property (deferred maintenance)

A COPY of the FULL 44 PAGE APPRAISAL IS ON FILE IN THE PSV OFFICES.



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FINAL SERVICE

Crestview Presbyterian held their final worship service on Sunday, February 8, 2026. It was originally scheduled for January 25, 2026, but had to be rescheduled due to a massive snowfall starting Saturday night the 24th and continuing onto the 25th. The final service was initially rescheduled for February 1st and was again rescheduled (still weather related) to February 8th.

The AC had strongly recommended that the final service should not be scheduled in the “dead of winter” but our recommendations fell on deaf ears.

More than one hundred people attended the final service, which centered on the three M’s: music, mission, and members. They had hoped to use their beautiful pipe organ, but the leather bellows gave out the week before the final service, and they were forced to rely on the piano.

It was a lovely final service – followed by a luncheon in the Fellowship Hall.

POST-CLOSING ACTIVITIES

03.02.2026 Locks changed on building
03.11.2026 Diamond Hauling did final clean-out of building for \$1,500
04.17.2026 Old financial records picked up by Ohio Mobile Shredding

DISPOSITION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

SEE ATTACHED LISTING



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SALE OF PROPERTY

03.10.2026

- Property listed FOR SALE with Bob Rowe who has handled the sale of several other closed Presbyterian churches.
- Property was listed for \$395,000
- Property was offered to the owner of the former manse for \$350,000

04.14.2026

- After an offer and several counteroffers, PSV accepted an offer of \$305,000 from Rule of 3 LLC – the owner of the manse.
- Rule of 3 LLC has done several site visits/inspections and is buying the property “as is” with no warranties.
- Bob Rowe is NOT claiming a commission on the sale since we had been in talks with Rule of 3 LLC prior to listing the property with him

04.30.2026

- **TENTATIVE CLOSING DATE**

Submitted by Administrative Commission Members:

- RE Jim Hines, CPO – Chair
- RE Bill Lucas – CPO
- RE Cathy Ritchey – CPO
- Rev Leland Platt – Glen Echo Presbyterian
- Rev Phylliss Heffner – Honorably Retired



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MOTION TO APPOINT AN ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION

The Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) moves that the Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission as follows:

1. The purpose of the Administrative Commission (AC) shall be three-fold:
 - a. To act on behalf of the Presbytery to coordinate, guide, encourage, support, and resource the work of Crestview Presbyterian Church, Columbus Ohio.
 - b. To help discern what repairs and deferred maintenance is required to ensure that the building is safe and that we can obtain property insurance (the building currently is unable to be insured for anything more than personal liability because of deterioration).
 - c. To help the Session and congregation at Crestview chart a path forward which may include moving to a new facility, merging with another congregation, or dissolving.
2. The members of the AC shall be Elder Jim Hines (Westerville First), Elder Bill Lucas (Glen Echo), Elder Cathy Richey (Outville), Teaching Elder Phyllis Heffner (HR), and Teaching Elder Leland Platt (Glen Echo). In the event of a resignation from the AC prior to the completion of its work, the Presbytery Moderator may appoint a replacement who will be elected at the next presbytery meeting afterwards.
3. The Presbytery, by this action, shall delegate to the AC the following powers:
 - a. Access to all church records, including but not limited to:
 - i. membership rolls,
 - ii. minutes of session and all boards and committees,
 - iii. financial records,
 - iv. membership directories, newsletters, and
 - v. materials distributed for congregational information.
 - b. Authority to conduct a thorough discussion with the worshipping body about options for sustaining the congregation, including moving, merging, or dissolving.
 - c. Authority of the session (original jurisdiction), which has not been meeting with a presbytery-authorized moderator, including but not limited to the authority and responsibilities contained in G-3.0201 through G-3.0205.
 - d. Authority to call a congregational meeting (G-1.0502) and to obtain current and accurate membership lists from the church for this purpose.
 - e. Authority to engage appropriate consultants or legal counsel, subject to advanced approval of such expense by the CPO.



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Adjacent House (former manse) that is physically attached to the church
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**Summary of personal property that was sold, donated
or redeployed from Crestview Presbyterian Church:**

The following items **were sold** by Crestview Presbyterian, and the proceeds were used to make donations to their two main mission projects (House of Hope and Faith on Eighth):

- 2 grand pianos
- Handbells
- Candelabra

Crestview Presbyterian donated the following items, as noted:

- 16 – 8’ folding tables - to the United Church of Christ in Canal Winchester
- Choir music - to a Presbyterian Church in Lynchburg, VA
- Old lounge and miscellaneous other furniture – to a nonprofit service organization serving veterans
- Miscellaneous office furniture – to a nonprofit
- Folding chairs and storage rack – to a nonprofit
- Dishes/glassware from the kitchen - to a nonprofit
- Chairs from the chancel area – to a church in Tennessee (the home church of descendants of the original donors)

The Administrative Commission donated the following items, as noted:

- Folding tables to the United Church of Christ in Grove City
- Communion table to Prince of Peace Presbyterian in Pickerington
- 30 of the 1930’s red hymnals to Dan Payne (from a Lutheran Church) for use by his bible study
- Baptismal font, brass candle holders from communion table, pulpit and lectern to Dan Payne (for a Lutheran Church)
- 55 bibles – to Hoge Memorial Presbyterian
- Old lounge furniture – *redeployed by Diamond Hauling*
- Old silverplated items – donated to the Discovery Shop (proceeds benefit cancer research)
- 17 blue choir robes and stoles - donated to the Westerville North High School Theater Department



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The AC was unable to redeploy or dispose of the following items that were left with the building:

- Several hundred old hymnals:
 - ~125 old BLUE hymnals (1993 edition)
 - ~60+ old RED hymnals (1955 edition)
 - ~150 really old RED hymnals (circa 1930's era)
- 5' communion table
- Organ (not operational)
- Old chair lift

Motion to Form an Administrative Commission for Ironton Presbyterian Church

COM moves that the Presbytery appoint an Administrative Commission as follows:

1. The purpose of the Commission shall be to act on behalf of the Presbytery to coordinate, guide, encourage, support, and resource the work of First Presbyterian Church, Ironton, which has expressed a desire to separate from the Presbyterian Church (USA).
2. The members of the Commission shall be RE Betty Kennedy (Portsmouth First), RE Kim Welton (Grandview Heights, Boulevard), TE Jason Link (Chillicothe, First), TE Bethany Fulton (Athens, Validated Ministry), TE Lisa Eye (Portsmouth, First). In the event of a resignation from the Commission prior to the completion of its work, the Moderator may appoint a replacement who will be elected at the next meeting afterwards.
3. The Presbytery by this action shall delegate to the Commission the following powers:
 - a. Access to all church records, including but not limited to: membership rolls, minutes of Session and all boards and committees, financial records, membership directories, newsletters, and materials distributed for congregational information.
 - b. Authority to interview and communicate with all employees of the congregation, and to request interviews with any member of the congregation, including worship attendees who are not members.
 - c. Authority to conduct a thorough discussion with the worshipping body as to the chosen Reformed denomination to which they wish to move.
 - e. Authority of the session, which has not been meeting as a session of three or more members for several years, including but not limited to the authority and responsibilities contained in G-3.0201 through G.3.0205 and those specified in the presbytery policy for Gracious Separation.
 - f. Authority to call a congregational meeting (G-1.0502) and to obtain current and accurate membership lists from the church for this purpose.
 - g. Authority to engage appropriate consultants or legal counsel, subject to advanced approval of such expenses by the Commission on Presbytery Operations.
 - h. If in the course of its investigation or work the Commission finds that schism exists within the membership of the congregation:
 - i. Authority to seek to effect a reconciliation or a division into separate congregations within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.),
 - ii. Authority to take all necessary steps to discern the “true church” (G-4.0207), that is, those wishing to remain loyal to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and to report that recommendation to the Presbytery.

Rationale: This church has not been functioning without a full session for some time due to lack of members. Of the four members on the books now, only one is capable of serving (and is). Additional members have been sought from those attending worship to no avail. The Commissioned Pastor and one session member wish to explore the other Presbyterian denominations in search of one that will accept their small group, but which is more conservative in its theology.

Presbytery's Council

Report to Presbytery – May 19, 2026

Members: Alice Karen Hite (RE, Pataskala, Outville, PSV Moderator), Nancy Jo Dederer (MWS, Circleville, PSV Vice Moderator), Lisa Eye (MWS, Portsmouth, First), Connie Moneypenny (RE, Grove City, First), Lane Hough (RE, Westerville, First), Ginny Teitt (MWS, Delaware, Concord), Joel Esala (MWS, Columbus, Covenant), Mike Fritz (RE, Gahanna, Mifflin), Kathleen A. Nice (MWS, Presbytery Executive), Emily Krause Corzine (MWS, Presbyter for Congregational Life and Transitions), Bill Gause (MWS, Stated Clerk), Bob Patterson (RE, Treasurer).

Council Meeting and Retreat Highlights February – April

The Council is using the new meeting format to provide for more in-depth discussions during the three-hour retreat format the month prior to the Presbytery meetings. The overall focus is truly an effort set ways to walk beside our congregations. While the decline of church attendance and participation is not unique to our denomination, we do have the advantage of our connectional church. Use the connectional church and the resources available. Vision ways that your specific congregation will with energy, local wisdom, see and nurture the future of your congregation. Connections and networking with nearby PC(USA) churches may enhance opportunities. Kathy Nice and Emily Krause Corzine are committed to helping develop or even stretch your dreams. Think of possibilities. The Council is supportive of new, revised or whatever else you may label the thoughts. Maybe there is another way to “do church”. Consider innovative ways for pastoral leadership. How will we engage the 18 – 40-year-old population?

New church development discussions continue for Route 23 North corridor. New Worshipping Communities have potential.

The revised policy for “Filing a Complaint” will be presented for your approval. This is the second reading. The policy is ready for the approval. We appreciate the people who joined the Zoom session to consider the policy.

You will see a proposed revision of the Presbytery Purpose Statement. Check this packet.

As a result of information learned and information sought, during the P.I.E. event in January, a Technology Task Force has been formed. Connie Moneypenny, Grove City will lead the group.

In preparation for setting 2027 Presbytery dates a survey will be used to gain input that could result in a means for involving working/younger elder commissioners. The younger demographic of elder commissioners is part of the future. Kathy Nice will also survey other presbyteries.

As there are now three (3) denomination-wide offerings, rather than the previous four (4), the Council determined that the May Presbytery Offering will be designated for the PSV Mission Fund.

Commissions and leaders are taking seriously the directive that the 2027 budget be generated using both the per capita of \$46 or \$60.

Alice Karen Hite, Moderator

Commission on Justice, Outreach, and Education

Report to Presbytery – May 19, 2026

Members: Tina Johnson, Chair (RE Columbus, Overbrook), Kathi Bubb, (RE, Gahana, Mifflin), Jill Roberts (RE, Washington Courthouse), James Miller (RE, Columbus, Broad Street), Wendy McCormick (MWS, Grove City, First), Jennifer Bunker (RE Columbus, Broad Street) Nikki Hogarth (MWS, Dublin), Scott Schnapp (MWS, Mt Gilead, First), Kelsey Sorge (MWS, Delaware Liberty), Mike Woods, MWS, Honorably Retired), Diane Boster (RE, Portsmouth, First), Jayne Elgin (PW Representative), Nathan Achterhof (MWS, Gahanna, Mifflin)

CJOE Purpose: to provide and encourage educational, connectional, outreach and social justice opportunities that nurture growth in discipleship, fellowship, and faith throughout the Presbytery, in regional clusters as well as in individual congregations and faith communities.

No items requiring Presbytery action

The commission strives to balance its oversight and coordination of on-going PSV sponsored events (PIE, youth retreat, church professionals retreat, Neighborhood Mission Grants, etc.) with the need to communicate and respond to local and national issues that call for public witness and advocacy.

UPDATES

Advocacy Weekend: During his four day visit to PSV the Reverend Dr. Jimmie Hawkins spoke to over 400 people in eight different locations. Special thanks goes to Kathi Bubb for coordinating the event schedule and for her and David serving as “tour guides” throughout the weekend.

Neighborhood Mission Grants: The deadline for second round grant proposals is June 1, 2026. Applications must be received by the first day of those months to be considered. Proposed mission projects should deepen our Christian faith and be compatible with the mission of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley (PSV) which includes being a Matthew 25 mid-council promoting the dismantling of structural racism, eradicating systemic poverty, and building congregational vitality. Grant applications should be sent to Nikki Hogarth at nikki@dublinpresbyterian.org or Tina Johnson at tinarjohnson@gmail.com.

The complete grant application is posted on the PSV website: <https://psvonline.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/13/2018/03/2025-PSV-Neighborhood-Mission-Grant-Application-4.9.2025.pdf>

Youth Retreat: Planning is underway for the Fall 2026 youth retreat which will be held at Kirkmont, November 13-15.

April Book study: Twenty-six people (Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders) from across the Presbytery participated in the CJOE sponsored April book study of “Being Presbyterian in a Dysvangelical America: A Guide to Reclaiming the Good News of God’s Grace” For more information or suggestions for future studies, contact Tina Johnson or Kathi Bubb.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Presbyterian Advocacy Hour, Upcoming dates: May 27, 2026, June 24, 2026, July 22, 2026, August 26, 2026

Pride Festival: June 19-20th (Friday night-Saturday all day) PRIDE Festival (Goodale Park) Presbyterian Booth. Can't march, but want to participate and be a loving witness to those at PRIDE, join us at the Booth. Sign up to volunteer here:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/8050D4EA5AC2EA13-63552742-pride>

June 20th 10am Pride March: Church groups or individuals join us in the March. Fill out form so we can be in touch with you. Line up by 10am, March steps off at 10:30. Downtown Columbus (line up south of Broad/High Street) Sign your group or self up to March in PRIDE:
<https://forms.gle/SPmncBUXRyYbd1D46>

Commission on Presbytery Operations

Report to Presbytery – May 19, 2026

Membership: Marshall Geib, Chair, (RE, London, First), Chris Atwood (MWS, Delaware, Liberty), Tom Billman (RE, Columbus, Hoge), Cathy Ellwood-Ritchie (RE, Pataskala, Outville), Jim Hines, (RE, Westerville, First), Gary Hinzman (RE, Westerville, First), Bill Lucas (RE, Columbus, Glen Echo), Ann Palmerton (MWS, Columbus, Broad Street), Jim Teitt (RE, Delaware, Concord)

The following actions were taken by CPO on behalf of the Presbytery:

- Crestview Presbyterian – sale pending
- Reviewing Lilly Endowment Grant application
- CPO HR committee performed annual performance reviews for Presbytery staff

Submitted by
Marshall Geib, Chair

Commission on Ministry

Report to Presbytery – May 19, 2026

Membership: Todd Tracy, Chair, (MWS, Newark, Second), Rebecca Bostrom (RE, Delaware, Liberty), Christine Burns (CRE, Presbytery Wide), Karen Chakoian (TE, Retired), Carol Evans (RE, Delaware, First), Diane Flynn (MWS, Marysville, First), Richard Glass (RE, Washington Ct House, First), David Howell (RE, Delaware, West Berlin), Mark Johnson (RE, London, First), Justice Ofosuhene (MWS, Columbus, Ramseyer),), Betsy Rice (TE, Worthington), Jonathan Seitz (MWS, Delaware, Liberty), Mark Stansbery (RE, Columbus, Old First).

We approved a temporary contract with David Zerby (DOC) to serve communion while providing sabbatical coverage for Todd Tracy at Second, Newark.

We interviewed and approved Roger Veliquette (Ohio Valley pby) for membership should his election be affirmed at First, Westerville.

We approved Deb Bergmann for a presbytery-wide Commissioned Pastor contract. She is given permission to preside over communion and moderate session meetings when invited.

We moved two pastors (Rob Martin, Charlotte O'Neil) from active to retired membership.

We voted to request an Administrative Commission for Ironton, which is sent to presbytery for action.

We elected Carol Evans (RE, First, Delaware) to be chairperson during Todd Tracy's sabbatical.

We interviewed and discussed Joshua Chae as candidate to serve the Korean, Columbus, church. Because he is coming from another denomination, he will be interviewed on the floor of presbytery upon notice that his R1 visa has been processed. More details will follow.

We reviewed and approved pastoral leader contracts for meeting or exceeding the minimum compensation guidelines.

We are working on reviewing all of the policies related to COM and will be bringing those to future presbytery meetings for approval.

We continue to build ways for our liaisons to serve the churches in their region more fully.

Submitted by Carol Evans, chairperson for May/June/July

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

Report to Presbytery -- May 2026

Membership: Susan Dietz, Chair (RE, Logan, First), Taylor Barner (MWS, Jacob's Porch at OSU), Carson Hunt (RE, Ironton, First), Jeff Jaynes (MWS, MTSO), Lanie Sipes (MWS, Newark, Second), and Jim Wilson (RE, Columbus, Broad Street)

February 19, 2026

1. The commission conducted an interview with Sarah Underhill (Rose Run) to approve her participation in the Commissioned Ruling Elder/Commissioned Pastor (CRE/CP) process. Motion was made and approved to accept Sarah in the care as a CRE/CP student. A motion was made and accepted to provide the CPM portion of funding for Sarah's Midwest Ministry assessment process. Ruling Elder Jim Wilson will serve as her CPM liaison.
2. A request for partial tuition reimbursement was received by a candidate. The motion to provide the funds was made and approved.

March 19, 2026

1. The commission engaged in conversation regarding the Ordination Examination experience for candidates placed in our care.
2. A motion was made and approved to include all CRE/CP students in the CPM annual review schedule. It was also decided that the creation of CRE/CP forms specific to the Presbytery of Scioto Valley be added to the CPM 2026 agendas throughout the year to refine the process.
3. A slate of 2026 Ordination Examinations readers was approved for submission to the nominating committee.

April 16, 2026

1. Rev. Alex Rodgers, manager for Preparation for Ministry and Exams at Denominational Life and Witness, met with the commission via Zoom in conversation regarding individual ordination examination alternative procedures. Rodgers also responded to inquiries in reference to other ordination preparation topics.
2. The commission met with Inquirer Megan Koeneman (Covenant) via Zoom to conduct her annual consultation. Megan has recently relocated to Eugene, Oregon and will continue to be in the care of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.
3. It was reported that three candidates will participate in spring ordination exams.

Submitted by
Susan Dietz, Chair

Committee On Representation

Report to Presbytery -- for May 19, 2026

Membership: Tiffany Komasaara, Chair, (MWS, Columbus, Boulevard), Doug Brown (MWS, Delaware, Old Stone), Edward Lewis (MWS, Columbus, Bethany), Jim Miller (RE, Columbus, Broad Street), Peter Okyere, (CRE, Worthington, A Light to the Nations), Visca Talumewo (Pickerington, Prince of Peace), Jim Wilson (RE, Columbus, Broad Street),

The Committee on Representation (COR) met on March 19, 2026 at 6 p.m. at the office of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley.

The first item of business was to discuss plans for the Immigrant-Led Worship Celebration to be held on May 31, 2026 at 3 p.m. at the Worthington Presbyterian Church. Peter Okyere has invited Rev. Mathias Akih to deliver the message, and participants will include immigrants from Ghana, Korea, Tanzania, Cameroon and other countries. The leadership and members of the GMIM Indonesian congregation are away that weekend and not available to participate.

Budget requests were reviewed, and it was confirmed that \$1500 has been allocated for COR in 2026, with \$1,000 of that available for the immigrant-led worship celebration.

COR will also continue its work reviewing the Presbytery's Anti-Racism Policy. Rev. Komasaara asked members to be in prayer and consideration on how to build relationships with African American congregations and members in order to allow meaningful input and participation by racial minorities in reviewing, revising and implementing this policy. Rev. Komasaara reported she will be visiting Bethany Presbyterian Church at its weekend community lunch service and hopes to make connections there. It was also noted that the organization Service Never Sleeps continues to provide free Allyship training webinars, and may be a resource to guide COR on how to do anti-racism work.

Finally, the committee turned to its awareness of the need to foster open communication at Presbytery meetings and elsewhere regarding potentially divisive issues. Rev. Nice recommends "Crucial Conversations: Tools for Talking When the Stakes Are High" as a resource.

On Wednesday, May 7, a subcommittee consisting of Carmen Enz (RE, Westerville, Central College), Jim Miller, Tiffany Komasaara and Peter Okyere met to discuss final plans for the May 31 Immigrant service. Angela Dawson, Executive Director of the Ohio Commission on Minority Health, plans to attend the service and may speak. Leaders from the PC USA's Self-Development of People/1001 New Worshipping Communities initiative also plan to attend, and CRIS (Community Refugee and Immigrant Support) has also been invited to attend. It was discussed and agreed that the offering collected at the service should benefit A Light to the Nations and the immigrant community Pastor Peter supports. Pastor Peter shared that with the help of Flecha Law Firm, ALTN has helped 35 immigrants receive legal assistance.

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. Tiffany Komasaara, COR Chair



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WORSHIP, AND COMMUNITY.

A LIGHT TO THE NATIONS

IMMIGRANT-LED WORSHIP
CELEBRATION



GATHER WITH US FROM 3 - 4 PM FOR A MEANINGFUL TIME OF
WORSHIP, FOLLOWED BY ETHNIC FOOD AND FELLOWSHIP



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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
773 HIGH ST., WORTHINGTON

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SUNDAY



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BROUGHT TO YOU BY THE PRESBYTERY OF SCIOTO VALLEY COMMITTEE ON REPRESENTATION

Presbyter for Congregational Life and Transitions – Rev. Emily Corzine

Report to Presbytery – May 19, 2026

I continue to support the work of the Commission on Ministry and Commission for Justice, Outreach and Education. The following are a summary of items that support those efforts.

- Congregational visits, preaching or session meetings or training (Chillicothe First, Rose Run, Worthington, Westerville First, Waverly, McArthur (Upcoming visits to Granville, Iberia, London, Harrisonville, Mt. Vernon, Fredericktown, Middleport, Amanda, Bloom, Marion Lee Street)
- Healthy Congregations Workshops are available for churches/session leaders who want to engage more thoughtfully in ministry. If you want more information on how your congregation can be part of the Healthy Congregations' Training, please let me know.
- Making community connections with justice leaders in Columbus and metro area for opportunities our presbytery members can engage in advocacy and witness.
- Pastor to Pastor visits and coordinating pastors to contact others throughout PSV.
- Coordinating with COM Liaisons regional church gatherings.

Coordinated our NEXT church “Preaching for Change” “Sabbath Retreat” March 12, 2026. There were 15 clergy from around the presbytery who came for fellowship, engagement around the topic of sabbath rest and claiming rest in our lives for the creativity and inspiration for preaching and leading in churches today. The event was well received, and other plans are in the works for more pastoral leaders “Days Out”. More information to follow.

Attended Synod Executive Leaders gathering in Bowling Green Ohio. Working on Transitional Ministry working group for the Synod.

Attended CREDO (April 21-28) a wholeness and discernment retreat sponsored by the Board of Pensions. Held at Ferncliff Conference Center outside of Little Rock Arkansas. Made connections through the denomination with pastors and leaders as we discussed healing, wholeness, and sustainability in ministry revolving around Spiritual, Emotional, Physical, Financial and Vocational health. This was such a gift to my ministry.

This year was the last year of the Presbyterian Leader Formation Residency. We met with the larger group in Ellicott City, Maryland at that Bon Secours Conference and Retreat Center (May 3-8). This is a time of renewal, support and transformational thinking about how presbytery staff continues to lead with imagination and initiative and engagement for the changing culture of the church. I am grateful for this experience and the connections I've made with other mid council leaders around the country.

I am on the planning team for the Special Event for Healthy Congregations, Inc, held on May 18th as a Hybrid event.

I will attend the General Assembly in June-July held in Milwaukee, WI (June 26-July 2). I will support and equip our commissioners as they represent Scioto Valley and experience the connectional nature of the Presbyterian Church, USA.

I am always open and willing to meet for coffee or lunch and celebrate the hopefulness you see in your setting and throughout the presbytery. I'd welcome opportunities to engage and connect.

Woven Together in Christ's Service, Rev. Emily Krause Corzine

Treasurer – Ruling Elder Bob Patterson **Report to Presbytery – May 19, 2026**

At the end of March 2026, we were 24% of the way through the year. PSV had received 23% of its budgeted per capita and 23% of its total operations revenues. PSV had incurred 21% of its budgeted operations expenses. As of the end of March, we were running an operations surplus of \$11,868 against a budgeted annual deficit of \$19,897.

At the end of March, PSV had received 19% of its mission revenues and incurred 4% of its mission expenses. At the end of March, we were running a mission budget surplus of \$35,720 against a budgeted annual deficit of \$12,942.

Account Name	Annual Budget	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Basic Mission - Presbytery	66,000.00	8,476.40	57,523.60
Basic Mission - Presby. Women	1,950.00	408.54	1,541.46
Total Per Capita and Mission Income	\$67,950.00	\$8,884.94	\$59,065.06
Church Professionals Retreat Fees	12,000.00	225.00	11,775.00
PIE Event Fees	2,000.00	1,580.00	420.00
Youth Ministry Fees	10,500.00	2,000.00	8,500.00
Mission Work Trip Fees	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Total CJOE Event Fees	\$25,500.00	\$3,805.00	\$21,695.00
Campus Ministry Synod from HE Fund	10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Total CJOE Fund Transfers	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Total CJOE Revenue	\$35,500.00	\$3,805.00	\$31,695.00
CRE/CP Training Fees	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
Total CPM Event Fees	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Total CPM Revenue	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00
Investment and CDF Transfers	\$131,891	\$32,160	
Total Income	\$236,841	\$44,850	\$92,260.06
Relationship Development	7,000.00	0.00	7,000.00
New Worshiping Communities	60,000.00	0.00	60,000.00
Special Transition Support/Consultants	7,500.00	0.00	7,500.00
Congregational Support	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Administrative Commissions Exp	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Total Congregational Support	\$84,500.00	\$0.00	\$84,500.00
Training/Workshops	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
COM Workshop Exp	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Pastors Programming	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
Health Boundaries Training	3,000.00	0.00	3,000.00
Total Meeting/Training	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$10,000.00
Liason Exp	5,000.00	0.00	5,000.00
Pastor to Pastor Exp	4,000.00	0.00	4,000.00
Installation/Ordination Exp	1,000.00	19.20	980.80
COM - Background Checks	2,000.00	210.00	1,790.00
Pastoral Support	5,000.00	3,945.00	1,055.00
Total Commission on Ministry	\$111,500.00	\$4,174.20	\$107,325.80
Pres Sponsored Mission Trip	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Global Mission Projects	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
PSV Outreach	40,000.00	0.00	40,000.00
Neighborhood Mission Grant	10,000.00	1,400.00	8,600.00
Total Outreach	\$52,000.00	\$1,400.00	\$50,600.00
Regional Church Gatherings	500.00	0.00	500.00
PIE Event Expense	2,700.00	2,212.15	487.85
Youth Ministry Expense	17,000.00	150.89	16,849.11
Mission Trip Expenses Grant	1,000.00	156.00	844.00
Matthew 25 Projects Exp	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Youth Triennium Accrual Exp	3,333.00	668.00	2,665.00
Church Professionals Retreat	16,000.00	1,000.00	15,000.00

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	Total CJOE Events	\$41,533.00	\$4,187.04	\$37,345.96
CJOE Meeting Exp		250.00	0.00	250.00
	Total CJOE Meeting	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
Campus Ministry		10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
Campus Ministry from HE Fund		10,000.00	0.00	10,000.00
	Total Campus Ministry	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$20,000.00
	Total Commission for Justice, Outreach & Education	\$113,783.00	\$5,587.04	\$108,195.96
CPM Meeting Exp		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Inquirer/Candidates		4,000.00	(631.26)	4,631.26
CRE/CP Students		2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
Certified Christian Educators		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
Internships		15,000.00	0.00	15,000.00
CPM Background Checks		1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
	Total Commission on Preparation for Ministry	\$24,500.00	\$554	\$25,131.26
	Total Expenses	\$249,783.00	\$9,129.98	\$240,653.02
	Difference	-\$12,942	\$35,720	

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Treasurer's Report as of March

Saturday, April 11, 2026

Account #	Account Name	Annual Budget	YTD Balance	Annual Budget
Income				
Per Capita and Mission Income				
4.1.0010	Per Capita - Presbytery	\$276,889	65,221.76	211,667.24
4.1.0011	Per Capita - GA	99,482.00	23,105.22	76,376.78
4.1.0012	Per Capita - Synod	30,039.00	6,988.07	23,050.93
	Total Per Capita and Mission Income	\$406,410.00	\$95,315.05	\$311,094.95
Non-Commission Revenue				
4.9.4550	St. Andrew Fund Support	52,000.00	8,090.84	43,909.16
	Total Staff Fund Transfers	\$52,000.00	\$8,090.84	\$43,909.16
4.1.0062	Print & Media Resources Inc	750.00	287.00	463.00
	Total Overhead Income	\$750.00	\$287.00	\$463.00
	Total Non-Commission Revenue	\$52,750.00	\$8,377.84	\$44,372.16
Miscellaneous Income				
4.1.0027	Interest Revenue	2,500.00	711.10	1,788.90
4.1.0035	Misc Revenue	450.00	283.32	166.68
4.1.0039	Donated Exp Revenue	0.00	80.00	(80.00)
	Total Miscellaneous Income	\$2,950.00	\$1,074.42	\$1,875.58
	Budgeted Investment and CDF transfers	\$202,759	\$49,440	
	Total Income	\$664,869	\$154,207	\$357,342.69
Expenses				
Presbytery Council				
5.1.6001	Moderator Meeting Expenses	1,000.00	80.00	920.00
5.1.6003	Representation Committee Mtg	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
5.1.6006	Nominating Mtg Exp	500.00	0.00	500.00
5.1.6008	Presbytery Meeting Expenses	3,000.00	1,015.67	1,984.33
5.1.6010	Council Meeting Expense	300.00	32.79	267.21
	Total Presbytery Council	\$6,300.00	\$1,128.46	\$5,171.54
Commission on Presbytery Operations				
5.1.6007	GA Travel	2,000.00	0.00	2,000.00
5.1.8004	Audit	2,500.00	0.00	2,500.00
5.1.8005	Legal Expenses	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
5.1.8006	CPO Meeting	250.00	0.00	250.00
	Total Commission on Presbytery Operations	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	\$6,250.00
Non-Commission Expenses				
Staff and Benefits				
5.1.7701	Salary - General Presbyter	67,344.00	16,836.30	50,507.70
5.1.7702	Salary - Stated Clerk	19,272.00	4,818.00	14,454.00
5.1.7703	Salary - Administrative Asst	56,200.00	14,050.02	42,149.98
5.1.7704	Salary - Financial Asst	22,842.00	5,709.60	17,132.40
5.1.7705	Salary - Treasurer	4,010.00	1,002.48	3,007.52
5.1.7707	Housing - General Presbyter	30,000.00	7,500.00	22,500.00
5.1.7709	Salary - Contingency	2,509.00	164.70	2,344.30
5.1.7791	Salary - Presbyter CLT	25,691.00	6,422.76	19,268.24
5.1.7792	Housing - Presbyter CLT	63,000.00	15,750.00	47,250.00
	Total Staff Salaries	\$290,868.00	\$72,253.86	\$218,614.14
5.1.7711	BOP - General Presbyter	36,402.00	8,802.63	27,599.37
5.1.7713	BOP - Administrative Asst	19,296.00	4,747.95	14,548.05
5.1.7793	BOP - Presbyter CLT	42,185.00	10,546.05	31,638.95
	Total Board of Pensions	\$97,883.00	\$24,096.63	\$73,786.37
5.1.7715	Med. Reimb. - General Presbyter	1,947.00	0.00	1,947.00
5.1.7717	Med. Reimb. Administrative Asst	1,124.00	0.00	1,124.00

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5.1.7794	Med. Reimb. - Presbyter CLT	1,774.00	0.00	1,774.00
	Total Medical Reimbursement	\$4,845.00	\$0.00	\$4,845.00
5.1.7732	Travel - Stated Clerk	500.00	0.00	500.00
5.1.7733	Travel - Treasurer	250.00	0.00	250.00
5.1.7734	Travel - General Presbyter	7,500.00	756.90	6,743.10
5.1.7736	Travel - PYO Staff	250.00	0.00	250.00
5.1.7795	Travel - Presbyter CLT	7,500.00	619.15	6,880.85
	Total Staff Travel	\$16,000.00	\$1,376.05	\$14,623.95
5.1.7744	Cont Ed. - General Presbyter	4,000.00	1,930.00	2,070.00
5.1.7746	Cont Ed. - Stated Clerk	250.00	0.00	250.00
5.1.7748	Cont Ed. - Treasurer	500.00	0.00	500.00
5.1.7796	Cont Ed. - Presbyter CLT	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
	Total Continuing Education	\$6,250.00	\$1,930.00	\$4,320.00
5.1.7751	Prof. Exp. - General Presbyter	1,200.00	240.00	960.00
5.1.7752	Prof. Exp. - Stated Clerk	1,200.00	132.91	1,067.09
5.1.7797	Prof. Exp. - Presbyter CLT	1,200.00	66.84	1,133.16
	Total Professional Expense	\$3,600.00	\$439.75	\$3,160.25
5.1.7721	Payroll Processing Expense	1,750.00	393.00	1,357.00
5.1.7722	FICA Expense	8,020.00	2,002.91	6,017.09
5.1.7724	SECA	14,232.00	3,473.10	10,758.90
5.1.7729	BWC Insurance Expense	873.00	39.82	833.18
	Total Payroll Processing/Taxes	\$24,875.00	\$5,908.83	\$18,966.17
5.1.7720	Staff Services Contingency	1,200.00	421.14	778.86
	Total Other Staff Expenses	\$1,200.00	\$421.14	\$778.86
	Total Staff and Benefits	\$445,521.00	\$106,426.26	\$339,094.74
Overhead				
5.1.7804	Rent	30,000.00	7,500.00	22,500.00
5.1.7825	Leasehold Amortization Expense	1,000.00	116.40	883.60
	Total Rent	\$31,000.00	\$7,616.40	\$23,383.60
5.1.7820	Phone	2,500.00	1,232.70	1,267.30
	Total Utilities	\$2,500.00	\$1,232.70	\$1,267.30
5.1.7806	Presbytery Insurance	2,500.00	1,193.74	1,306.26
	Total Insurance	\$2,500.00	\$1,193.74	\$1,306.26
5.1.7808	Website Management	5,000.00	1,422.00	3,578.00
5.1.7812	Computer Support		20.00	
	Total Technical Support	\$5,000.00	\$1,442.00	\$3,578.00
5.1.3015	Print & Media Resources Exp	1,500.00	419.33	1,080.67
5.1.7810	Equipment Purchases	1,500.00	0.00	1,500.00
5.1.7814	Copier Maint.	1,500.00	843.65	656.35
5.1.7815	Dues and Subscriptions	2,500.00	1,352.04	1,147.96
5.1.7816	Miscellaneous	1,000.00	0.00	1,000.00
5.1.7818	Office Supplies	2,000.00	905.39	1,094.61
5.1.7822	Postage	1,000.00	86.91	913.09
5.1.7824	Presbytery Depreciation	1,000.00	527.10	472.90
5.1.8502	Presbytery Newsletter	1,000.00	83.22	916.78
	Total Office	\$13,000.00	\$4,217.64	\$8,782.36
	Total Overhead	\$54,000.00	\$15,702.48	\$38,317.52
	Total Non-Commission Expenses	\$499,521.00	\$122,128.74	\$377,412.26
Other Expenses				
Commission for Presbytery Operations				
5.1.6009	GA Per Capita	132,643.00	12,093.46	120,549.54
5.1.6011	Synod Per Capita	40,052.00	6,988.07	33,063.93
	Total Corporation Expenses	\$172,695.00	\$19,081.53	\$153,613.47
	Total Commission for Presbytery Operations	\$172,695.00	\$19,081.53	\$153,613.47
	Total Other Expenses	\$172,695.00	\$19,081.53	\$153,613.47
	Total Expenses	\$684,766.00	\$142,338.73	\$542,447.27
	Difference	-\$19,897	\$11,868	

**Minutes of the Commission to Install Rev. Douglas Browne,
Pastor, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Delaware, Ohio
March 15, 2026, 3:00 pm**

Members of the Commission

Deb Bergmann, RE, Condit Presbyterian Church, Sunbury, OH
Emily Krause Corzine, MWS, Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Bill Gause, MWS, Overbrook Presbyterian Church, Columbus, OH
Alice Karen Hite, RE Moderator, Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Patricia Stout, MWS, Honorably Retired
Doug Warner, RE, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Delaware, OH

Other Participants

Ms. Lisa Capuano, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Delaware, OH
Mr. Jim Fischer, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Delaware, OH
Ms. Olivia Lauritzen, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Delaware, OH
Mr. Jeff Robinson, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Delaware, OH

The Commission opened its meeting at 2:35 pm with prayer by Moderator Hite. Introductions were made. It was determined that there were no corresponding members to be received and seated. Rev. Doug Browne reviewed the Order of Service along with the seating, and related logistics. A motion to proceed to the commissioning and to dissolve the commission at the end of the service was made, seconded. The motion was unanimously supported. The meeting was closed in prayer at 2:45 pm.

Service of Installation

A service of worship for the installation of Rev. Douglas Browne as Minister of Word and Sacrament, Old Stone Presbyterian Church, Delaware, Ohio., a Presbyterian Church of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley was held at 3:00 pm. The Constitutional Questions for Pastor installation were given by the Administrative Commission and answered in the affirmative by Douglas Browne. The Constitutional Questions to the Congregation were answered in the affirmative by the congregation. The installation was declared by Moderator Hite.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Karen Hite, Moderator, 3/15/2026.

**Minutes of the Commission to Ordain Brittany Lynn Harrold Porch
Stated Supply Pastor, Columbus, Broad Street
March 8, 2026, 10:30am**

Members of the Commission

Alice Karen Hite, RE Moderator, Presbytery of Scioto Valley
Amy Miracle, MWS, Pastor/Head of Staff, Broad Street Presbyterian
Ann Palmerton, MWS, Associate Pastor, Broad Street Presbyterian
Trip Porch, MWS, Pastor Indianola Presbyterian Church
Taylor Barner, MWS, Jacob's Porch
Jeremy Carroll, RE, Indianola Presbyterian Church
Robert Rankin, RE, First Presbyterian, Westerville
Karl Wetherholt, RE, Broad Street Presbyterian

Other participants:

Adam Copeland, MWS, At large, PSV
Emilia Gonzalez, Broad Street Youth
Julia Miracle, Broad Street Young Adult
Michael Bean, Sr., Retired St Paul AME Church

The Commission opened its meeting at 9:47 AM with prayer by Moderator Hite. After introductions and after confirming the elements and flow of the worship service to follow, a motion to proceed to the commissioning and to dissolve the commission at the end of the service was made and seconded. The motion was unanimously supported. The meeting was closed in prayer at 10:08am.

Service of Ordination

A service of worship for the ordination to Minister of the Word and Sacrament of Brittany Lynn Harrold Porch as Stated Supply Pastor, Broad Street Presbyterian Church, Columbus, Ohio, a Presbyterian Church of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley was held at 10:30 AM. The Constitutional Questions for Pastor were given by the Administrative Commission and answered in affirmative by Brittany Porch. Prayer of ordination and laying on of hands was completed and the moderator offered a welcome to the newly ordained to close the portion of the ordination.

Respectfully submitted by Alice Karen Hite, Moderator, 3/11/2026. Recorded by Emily Krause Corzine.

**Minutes of the Commission to Install Rev. Nate Achterhof as
Pastor, Mifflin Presbyterian Church, Gahanna, OH
April 26, 2026**

Commission Members

Alice Karen Hite, RE, Moderator, Outville, Pataskala

Amy Miracle MWS, Broad Street, Columbus

Wendy McCormick MWS, First, Grove City

Joel Esala MWS, Covenant, Columbus

Tina Johnson RE, Overbrook, Columbus

Ned Segelken RE, Mifflin, Gahanna

Commission meeting was called to order by Moderator Hite at 3:18 pm. The meeting then opened in prayer led by Moderator Hite.

A motion was made by Wendy McCormick to create this administrative commission for the installation of Nate Achterhof and then dissolve the commission upon the offering of the Benediction by Rev. Achterhof. Motion received a second and passed unanimously.

The group discussed the order of worship and planned for the processional. The meeting then closed in prayer offered by Rev. Esala, and the group went to the sanctuary to prepare for the processional.

The constitutional questions were asked of Rev. Achterhof and the congregation and all were answered in the affirmative.

Minutes submitted by Rev. Kathy Nice

Standing Rules for a Hybrid Presbytery Meeting

The following special standing rules have been developed for hybrid meetings of the presbytery. Hybrid being defined as a meeting in which some participate in person while others participate via video conference.

The online portion of the meeting will open 30 minutes before the announced meeting start time to allow commissioners to be checked in in an orderly fashion. The chat window will be allowed for all online participants, both for general conversation and person-to-person communication, until 5 minutes prior to the announced meeting start time. At this point, the chat feature will be removed for general per-to-person communication and will be available only for communicating with the meeting host.

A. In person commissioners will participate as typical for an in-person presbytery meeting with the following notable procedures:

1. Those requesting the floor must be first recognized by the moderator. The moderator will make a concerted effort to balance recognizing in-person and online participants. When recognized, move to the microphone and speak to the Moderator, not the assembly.
2. Introduce yourself by stating your name, and home church or place of ministry.
3. The parliamentary authority is Robert's Rule of Order Newly Revised, 12th Edition (2020), unless the Book of Order (Presbyterian Church U.S.A. Constitution, Part II) or the Manual of Operations of the Presbytery provide otherwise.
4. Motions presented by commissions or committees do not require a second.
5. During debate, each speaker has up to three minutes to address the issue to which they are speaking. The moderator may give a 30-second warning, so that speakers may conclude their remarks.
6. The moderator will normally alternate between speeches for and against the motion before the assembly.
7. The maker of the motion or commission/committee presenter may make the final speech.
8. Only enrolled commissioners (ruling elder commissioners, teaching elders, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian Educators in active service, and ruling elders serving on commissions) are authorized to vote. Corresponding members are entitled to address the Presbytery. Visitors may be invited by the moderator to address the Presbytery.
9. Any substantive motion (new, amendment, substitute) made by a commissioner in the assembly must be given to the stated clerk in writing, at the time the motion is made. For online participants, the chat feature may be used.
10. Any new business must be received by the stated clerk prior to the beginning of the meeting.
11. Votes traditionally taken by voice will now be taken by the use of Green (Yes) and Red (No) placards which will be raised and lowered to indicate a vote of "yes" or "no." Placards will be provided to in-person commissioners and will be requested back at the meeting's conclusion.

B. Online Commissioner participants will participate in the following manner:

1. Commissioners may participate using any of the following: a computer, smart phone, or tablet with an internet connection, microphone, and webcam.
2. The Recording Clerk shall serve as Zoom host for this meeting. The Executive Presbyter, Moderator, Registrar, Vice Moderator, and Technical Assistants shall serve as co-hosts.
3. Access will be provided through a link included in the call to the meeting which will be issued electronically through the Presbytery email list.
4. When you enter the meeting, please change your Zoom name to the following format: First Name Last Name, TE or RE or CRE (Teaching Elder, Ruling Elder, Commissioned Pastor), Ministry, City. This will make it easier for us to identify you. You can change your name in one of the following ways,
 - a.) Join the meeting via the link emailed to you. Then, once you are in the meeting, right click on your personal video window. From the menu that appears, click on “Rename” and then type your name and identifying information as described above, or
 - b.) Rather than entering the meeting via the emailed link, log into Zoom with the meeting ID and password that was also provided in the emailed meeting invitation; you will then be given the opportunity to change your name before entering the meeting.
5. The meeting shall open thirty minutes prior to the scheduled start time, and commissioners should log in to the meeting as soon as they are able. This will allow the Host and Co-Host to check-in commissioners virtually through the waiting room. The Presbytery reserves the right not to admit attendees who do not identify themselves, or to move them to the waiting room if they do not change their Zoom name within a reasonable grace period or do not identify themselves.
6. Commissioners should mute microphones when not speaking. This will reduce background noise. Laptop and smartphone users may mute and unmute themselves by clicking on the microphone or telephone icon on your personal video window. Participants who do not mute themselves upon request may find themselves muted by the host. In that event, the chat function is the appropriate method to request to be unmuted.
7. To be recognized by the Moderator, Commissioners should click “raise hand.” To find the raise hand icon, click on “Reactions” at the bottom of your Zoom screen. “Raise Hand” is one of the options inside that “Reactions” menu. Once your hand is raised, the moderator will recognize you. Commissioners should only lower their own hands if they no longer wish to speak.
 - a. Windows users can also use the Alt+Y keyboard shortcut to raise a hand.
 - b. Mac users can also use the Option+Y keyboard shortcut to raise a hand.
 - c. If none of these options are working, type “raise hand” in the chat function.

The Moderator shall recognize commissioners to the floor based on raised hands. The Vice Moderator and Recording Clerk will assist the Moderator in looking for raised hands. **Every effort will be made to watch both the Zoom window and the room to ensure online participants are not missed.**
8. When recognized to speak, commissioners shall identify themselves and their church as in any other Presbytery meeting.
9. Online commissioners may make a motion orally as during an ordinary meeting, i.e. when

recognized by the Moderator. If making a motion or speaking to the motion, commissioners shall unmute their microphone and make sure the video feed is on.

10. A motion may be submitted in writing using the chat function on the right side of the screen. Commissioners may also use the chat function to indicate if they are having technical difficulties or to gain recognition if they are unable to raise a hand. The chat function will only be available for communication with the meeting host.

11. The presence of a quorum will be determined by adding the number of participants in the online video conference (as reported by the registrar) to the number of in-person participants. The presence or absence of a quorum will be certified by the Stated Clerk.

12. Votes shall be taken and counted in the following manner:

a.) For matters that would, in an in-person meeting, be decided by a voice vote, a vote will be announced by the Moderator and participants will be able to click “Yes” or “No” on the question at hand. To find the “Yes” and “No” buttons, click on “Reactions” at the bottom of your Zoom screen. “Yes” and “No” are two of the options inside that “Reactions” menu.

Note: In-person participants will vote using their Green or Red voting placards.

The Moderator will ask whether all participants have voted to ensure everyone has had an opportunity to vote. The host and co-hosts shall assist the moderator in determining that all have had an opportunity to vote. As soon as they are available, the Stated Clerk will report the results to the Moderator who will announce them to the body.

b.) Votes may also be taken by general/unanimous consent as per Robert’s Rules of Order, at the discretion of the Moderator. The Moderator will ask if there are any objections. If there are none, the Moderator will rule the motion passes by general consent. Commissioners shall state an objection by raising a hand. If there are objections to the motion, the Moderator may call for a vote using the “Yes” and “No” buttons as specified above.

Note: In-person participants will note their objection by raising the red placard.

c.) If a commissioner calls for a vote by secret ballot, online participants will be invited to vote in a Zoom poll.

Note: In the event of a secret ballot, in-person participants will vote using paper ballots.

d.) For a ballot vote or for elections, the Recording Clerk will post a poll with all available choices. Online commissioners will be asked to cast their votes via this poll.

13. The Stated Clerk shall be responsible for minutes being taken, as in an ordinary meeting. The Recording Clerk shall also assist in keeping minutes and records of the proceedings. The video/audio stream and chat record of the meeting will be recorded and saved, if technologically feasible, with the recording made available upon written request to the Stated Clerk.

Adopted by action of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley, February 21, 2023