

The Presbytery OF SCIOTO VALLEY

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

Praise the LORD, all you nations! Extol him, all you peoples!
For great is his steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD
endures forever. Praise the LORD! Psalm 117 1-2

Commission for Presbytery Operations (CPO) Purpose: To provide organizational support to the daily operation of the Presbytery, to hold the Presbytery accountable to its members, and to comply with all state-mandated not-for-profit organizational requirements.

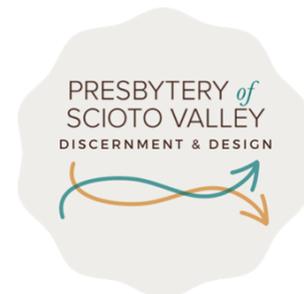
Updates from the Transitional General Presbyter Search Committee

Submitted by Robert Tolar, Bill Acklin, and Jim Hines.

The Transitional General Presbyter (TGP) Search Committee is interviewing two finalists for the TGP position this week. Previous interviews were held (via Zoom) with both candidates. However, this week interviews were live, in-person interviews here in Columbus. During their time in Columbus, both candidates had an opportunity to meet with our Presbytery staff and with members of the search committee in both formal (the actual interview) and informal settings (lunch and dinner). The search committee will meet early next week to debrief the interviews and to ascertain if we have a consensus on a finalist. Our plans are to present a final candidate at the Presbytery meeting on November 20th.

Your Discernment and Design team wants to express many words of thanks to the nearly 400 folks who responded to the Landscape Assessment survey. We are considering what we have learned from your input and look forward to hearing even more at the upcoming listening sessions. Many of you have already registered to participate in those, but the window is still open if you would like to share your ideas with us.

You may [register here!](#)
Thanks again for your support.





Do You Have a Coat(s) to Contribute?

If you, individually or your church collectively, have been gathering new or gently used kids' coats, this is the Saturday to drop the coats off to the Presbytery's Cap City Helping Hands (CCHH). Your Presbytery peers from CCHH will be at **Covenant P.C. and Overbrook P.C. from 10 a.m. – 12noon** to collect coats for our **Coats for Kids coat drive.**

- So far CCHH has collected 375 coats, but this is far short of our minimum needed of 1,000 coats for one hundred schools in the Columbus City School system.
- CCHH will collect coats until Friday, November 4 at the coat boxes at the Presbytery office and at Overbrook P.C.
- On Sunday, November 6 at 1 p.m. CCHH will sort all the donated coats. We are still in need of about 5-10 Presbytery high school youth to help us sort and help us carry one hundred bags up the stairs. If your youth group is looking for a fully active November 6 mission activity, please contact Patti Nussle at 614-209-5600.
- CCHH will then get the coats into bags ready for the schools to pick up from Hoge Memorial P.C. or Overbrook P.C. on Monday, November 7. Thank you!

Saturday, November 5, 10 a.m., Matthew 25 Prison Ministry on Zoom. Please register for the Zoom Event on November 5 <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZclduyhpjgqjE9cMXTeulAK12TG1cq3BA073>

"I was in prison, and you visited me...

" That familiar line from Matthew 25 challenges us as we seek to find ways to serve those who have been found guilty of breaking the law. Join the Commission for Nurture and Outreach as we present a two-part series on Incarceration and ways that we can respond as people of faith. We will have a Panel Discussion on Prison Ministry in Scioto Valley Presbytery, where churches will share the various ministries in which they are engaged with people who are still in prison and those who have recently been released. You can watch the first zoom conversation with Juan Martinez from Kindway on our YouTube channel Scioto Valley Presbytery ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))



Help Wanted -

The Nominating Committee is taking suggestions.

Is your background in business or finance? Do you have an interest in the practical, tangible, and corporate components of serving God? Have you wondered if your life experience in the business world has something to offer the ministry of the church? The Nominating Committee of our Presbytery is taking

suggestions for ruling and teaching elders who feel called to the service in the Commission for Operations. Of course, we have a number of opportunities in our Presbytery that draw upon a variety of gifts. Stay tuned to learn more about our Commissions and committees, and opportunities to serve them. If you (or someone you know) is interested, please contact Reverend Peter Galbraith, Chair of the Nominating Committee, peter@nelsonvillepres.org

**Register Today! Sign up Before October 31!
Annual Church Professionals' Retreat for
PSV Pastors and Church Educators.**

**Theme: "You are Loved, Empowered and
Deployed" ..with the Reverend Saleem Ghubril**

This year's retreat, designed for pastors and church educators, will be held on November 13-15, 2022, at the Deer Creek State Park Lodge. Last day to sign up will be Monday, October 31.

[Event Flyer and Registration.](#)



Registration is full for the Youth Retreat at Camp Akita!

If you have questions...

Brittany Porch, bporch@bspc.org; and Kathi Bubb kathibubb@gmail.com.

Changes coming to church statistics.

Updates include adding new questions, seeking new information

Rick Jones | Office of the General Assembly - October 25, 2022

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Each year, the Office of the General Assembly gathers statistical information from presbyteries across the country and provides a comprehensive breakdown on church membership, ethnicity and age distribution, as well as other information. But for next year's update, expect to see some changes in what is reported.

OGA is changing or dropping some of the questions asked of churches in an effort to provide a more accurate view of membership across the denomination. Major changes include: [Read more.](#)



Presbytery of Scioto Valley Coming Events...

October 29, 9-noon CAP City Coat Drop Off Day

Covenant PC and Overbrook PC

**November 13-15, Church Professionals Retreat at Deer Creek
Presbytery Meeting, Sunday, November 20, 2022, 3:30 p.m.**

**Your Presbytery staff persons are available in the Presbytery Office, or,
by email or phone. Presbytery Office Hours, Monday-Thursday, 9 am - 4 pm.**

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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 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.

Would you like to learn more about Israel and Palestine?

Last spring, this presbytery, through the Commission on Nurture and Outreach, supported the Rev. Mary Gene Boteler and the Rev. Dr. Rick Nutt's journey to Israel and Palestine. The primary focus of the trip was to listen to the voices of local Christians, meet with Palestinians working for peace and justice, and consider how the church in this country can support the Palestinian struggle for dignity and freedom. Mary Gene and Rick are eager to visit churches in the area, either preaching or providing programs, for those who would like to learn more about Israeli/Palestinian issues and our own denomination's response. For information or to schedule contact: mgboteler@gmail.com, rnutt@muskingum.edu



It's not too late to apply for a Neighborhood Mission Grant from the The Commission for Nurture and Outreach (CNO) of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley for 2022! This grant is to assist congregations that seek to be missional churches within the Presbyterian Church (USA). It honors the way your congregation reaches out in the name of Jesus Christ to your neighbors and community. The project should involve members of your congregation in "hands-on" ministry that builds a relationship between the congregation and the community. Grants are up to \$2,000. Applications can be submitted throughout the year. Find more information below.

[Click here for the Neighborhood Mission Grant Application](#)

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.



October 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.

This month we are lifting up in prayer the following congregations and leaders:

Amanda Presbyterian Church, Pastor Chris Piper
Amesville New England Parish
Athens Alexander Presbyterian Church
Iberia Presbyterian Church
Athens First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Robert Martin
Lithopolis Bloom Presbyterian Church, Katherine Hill
Ironton Presbyterian Church, Pastor Carson Hunt
Logan First Presbyterian Church, Pastor Diane Baldwin
Jackson First Presbyterian Church, Pastor John Birkner
Bloomingburg Presbyterian Church

Commission for Church Professionals (CCP) Events. Purpose: CCP works to foster the faith and vitality of those who are called to professional ministry—pastors, associate pastors, designated pastors, interim pastors, honorably retired teaching elders, stated supply, temporary supply, teaching elders in specialized ministry, inquirers, candidates, commissioned ruling elders, certified Christian educators, and ministers at-large.



Prayers for the family of the Revs. Ron and Jane Johnson on the death of Ron's mother Norma Johnson on October 25, 2022. Ron is the pastor of the Portsmouth First Presbyterian Church and Jane is the pastor of the Waverly First Presbyterian Church.



News and Update from the Synod of the Covenant Join Synod LeaderWise Practicum on Adaptive Leadership for Church Leaders.

This workshop introduces church leaders to adaptive leadership and asks them to work on a challenge in their system. **We will gather Thursday, November 3, 9:00 to**

3:00, and participants will put the concepts into practice in between large group gatherings. Excellent for church Sessions or presbytery teams to join together, it will also be helpful for individuals looking for learning, feedback, accountability, and support. Click here to learn more or register: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/leadership-development-workshops/#adaptive-leadership-workshops-and-practicum>.

"Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it. — Song of Solomon 8:7



**PRESBYTERIAN
DISASTER ASSISTANCE**

OUT OF CHAOS, HOPE

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA) urges your support this hurricane season. In the wake of catastrophic impacts from Hurricane Ian, recovery is ongoing in places hit by Hurricane Fiona, including Puerto Rico, the Dominican Republic and Cuba. Storms are becoming more frequent and more severe, and this early in the hurricane season we must prepare for these broad and anticipated catastrophes that have not yet formed. Give today to enable our response, from emergency needs through the long-term recovery phase.

The needs for the response will be great. God's people are called on to stand in the "GAP" — Give. Act. Pray. **Read more.**

IF YOU HAVE A CAUSE THAT'S CLOSE TO YOUR HEART YOU CAN FIND A WAY TO HELP IN THE GIVING CATALOG.

If it matters to you, it matters for others. If it matters for others, it matters to God. Your passion transforms to action through a variety of meaningful and impactful gifts. Love gardening? Are you an advocate for supporting women's empowerment? Would you like to be a part of healing and hope through art and education?

Look no further — it's all right here. <https://presbyteriangifts.pcusa.org/>



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