



MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY

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Journeying with Jesus to touch the world – Empowered by the Spirit to Make Disciples, Nurture Our Faith, and Serve the Needs of the Community

The Presbyterian form of government set forth in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is grounded in Scripture and built around the marks of the true Church. It is in all things subject to the Lord of the Church. In the power of the Spirit, Jesus Christ draws worshipping communities and individual believers into the sovereign activity of the triune God at all times and places. As the Church seeks reform and fresh direction, it looks to Jesus Christ who goes ahead of us and calls us to follow him. United with Christ in the power of the Spirit, the Church seeks “not [to] be conformed to this world, but [to] be transformed by the renewing of [our] minds, so that [we] may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Rom. 12:2).....PCUSA Book of Order F-1.0401 Continuity & Change

STATED MEETING OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY

MINUTES

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 8th, 2018

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**Muskingum University
163 Stormont St., New Concord, OH. 43762**

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CONSENT AGENDA

Approve the September 8th, 2018 MVP Stated Meeting Docket, Consent Agenda & Action Items [Appendix 1]

Approve Minutes from the April 21st, 2018 Stated Meeting of MVP [Appendix 2] and Minutes from the Special Called Meeting on June 4th, 2018 [Appendix 3] *(In order to be good stewards of our resources, only 4 physical copies of these previous minutes will be available for reference on the day of the Stated Meeting. Minutes and appendices are available upon request from the Mission Center office)*

FOR INFORMATION

- Parish Elders approved yearly contracts for Jeff Bergeson with Unity Presbyterian Church, Carolyn Behrendt with Dennison First Presbyterian Church, Tom Houston with John Knox Presbyterian Church, David Rice with Wooster First Presbyterian Church, Dennis Allison with Trinity United Presbyterian Church, Larry Jack with East Union Presbyterian Church & Tim Pollock with Bloomfield Presbyterian Church. Also approved were Chris Stewart as Temporary Supply with Coshocton Presbyterian Church & Dan Callahan as Interim with Minerva First Presbyterian Church
- Presbyterian Investment and Loans (PILP) Q1 & Q2, 2018 reports [Appendix 5]
- MVP has Council approved NO INCREASE in Per Capita for 2019. Current MVP rate is \$18.36

ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

The meeting was called to order and a quorum was declared by the Stated Clerk, Tim Pollock. MVP Moderator, Sheila Ellenberger opened the meeting with prayer at 1:00pm.

Sheila welcomed the first time ruling elders and asked them to stand and introduced themselves: Joel Hartman – College Drive Presbyterian Church; Holly McCully – Minerva First Presbyterian Church; Rick Peoples – Marietta First Presbyterian Church; Margaret Bischoff – Northminster Presbyterian Church.

Seated as corresponding members were: Ayana Teter – Pittsburgh Presbytery; Raafat Zaki – Synod of the Covenant; Hany Rizkalla - Egypt

Motion: To approve the Consent Agenda – addition: to approve the sale of the Alliance First Presbyteryan Church to fall under Adminstration’s Report. **Motion carried as amended**

Motion: To approve minutes from the April 21st, 2018 MVP Stated Meeting. **Motion carried**



Report of General Presbyter – Matt Skolnik

- CELEBRATIONS

- Mason Fallo & Jordan Martin from the University of Mount Union presented the program “Clean the World” that prepare hygiene kits to give to those who do not have access to these products, in America as well as other countries. cleantheworld.org
- Jeff Bergeson gave his report on 223rd GA Conference – Jeff reported two highlights for him personally – first there was a march from the St. Louis Convention Center to the City Justice Center to protest cash bail systems called the Bail Project. Hundreds of Presbyterians marched. There was \$47,000 collected and given to the Justice Center. This was all about Jesus freeing people, and about putting our faith into action. The second highlight was that the Stated Clerk of PCUSA, J. Herbert Nelson gave a wonderful speech, and started the conference off with “Hope”. He said “It is time now for the frozen chosen to thaw out, to be on fire for God.” “Submit to power that comes from beyond our control, that in a sense, we are meant to be out of control, as we submit to God. We as a denomination must do more to re-tool the church for much needed reform, while giving up the dream to become the church of yesterday. We are called to reform at every level, from an institutional culture to an organic culture. We must move from success to significance. We must move from change to transformation.”

Rick Hastings thanked all who have been in prayer for his grandson Jude Wesley Bailey who was born in May at 1lb, 7oz. Jude is now 7lbs plus!! When he gets to go home from the hospital, there will be a fundraiser for Nationwide Childrens Hospital. Your prayers are working. He has been diagnosed as sugar intolerant and has a long way to go. As for Rick’s report on the 223rd GA Conference, he felt it was awesome. His mind was changed there about young people. A beautiful expression of love for God and for mankind was very evident. The spirit of co-operation and charity was very refreshing and encouraging. The most poignant example for Rick was the difference between the young delegates and the old delegates. They YAAD’s presented gifts of \$1,500 to 3 different charities in the names of the Co-Moderators and the Stated Clerk. The older folks presented them with a beautiful plate. One of the elderly gentlemen realized that the younger generation cares a lot about each other and about God, and he encouraged everyone to donate as they left. Be encouraged, the message is being heard by the next generation to come.

- MVP Congregations Celebrating Anniversaries: Bloomfield PC – 200th Anniversary; Caldwell First – 150th Anniversary; Coshocton PC – 200th Anniversary; John Knox – 125th Anniversary
- Rev. J. Caleb McClure started his ministry at Cambridge First Presbyterian Church on July 8th, 2018. Anne Weirich and many folks gathered around Caleb and prayed for him and his ministry.
- Community Engagements of our congregations: John Knox - Block Party; Linden Road - Girl Scouts invitations; Bloomfield PC, along with the Village of New Concord presented Muskie on Main: a Block Party & Storytelling Festival
- Capital Improvements: Massillon Central PC – making major renovation of their sanctuary; Alliance First PC – building a new sanctuary. Bob Meyer offered up a prayer of thanksgiving for bringing Jim McCurdy through his medical issues.
- Accessibility Improvements: Caldwell First; Warsaw First



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- Simple ways to take steps: Listen—Discern—Experimenting—Debrief from Reflecting Cycles by Rev. Sheryl Kinder-Pyle, an Executive Presbyter in Washington state.
- Dr. Hany Rizkalla and Ancient Models of Church: spoke concerning smaller churches. In Acts, the early church gathered in homes and met together and then went out to share the gospel. This is what Hany does along with his helpers in Egypt.
- Ayana Teter, representing the Board of Pensions, spoke on the changes coming to the BOP. More people are being enrolled. With 63,000 people in the plan, this helps keep the costs down. There are new plans available to choose from.
- Presbyterian Disaster Assistance through the Presbyterian Women – Connie Humphrey has attended this program and spoke about what she learned. She suggests that each church have a fire drill. Also, keep back-up files off sight.

Report of Stated Clerk – Tim Pollock

- Proposed Book of Order changes [Appendix 8]. We will vote on these in at the Feb. 2019 Presbytery meeting
- Session Minutes review will be Oct. 6th at John Knox PC in North Canton, OH. from 10am to noon
- Report from Synod Commissioner – Anne Weirich shared about her attendance to the Synod of the Covenant Conference. Also, Rafaat Zaki spoke on a “welcome refugees” program. The Synod has given grants for refugees from Iraq and Syria. They established a task group to work to meet needs of those who are separated from their families. The Synod has also been engaged with the Presbyterian Peace Network with Korea. They have been paying bills and collecting donations working with them.

Report of Nominating Committee – Tim Pollock spoke for Tim Schenkel

- Forms were made available for folks to fill out if they are feeling called to leadership on a Presbytery level

Administration Report / Treasurer’s Report – Joan Brode / Kathy Kettlewell

- **Motion:** To sell the Alliance First Presbyterian Church (old building). **Motion carried**
- **Motion** of concurrence: The Administration Committee, with the approval of Council, recommends that Presbytery approve the sale of the MVP Mission Center at 109 Stonecreek Road, NW, New Philadelphia, OH. **Motion carried**
- Property Report – a buyer has been found for the Waynesburg First Presbyterian Church & manse. The church will become a dance studio. The buyer is paying all of the closing costs from the sale. The total that MVP will receive is \$45,000 for this sale.
- Council approved NO increase in Per Capita for Muskingum Valley Presbytery, however, there will be an increase in Per Capita from General Assembly for 2019
- Personnel – Concerning the BOP package, there will be a minimal change for MVP for 2019
- MVP Financial Report [Appendix 6] – Kathy explained the budget and the Mission Statement fund report
- New Grant Policy and Procedures [Appendix 6]. The new Grant process was explained. The name “Outreach” was changed to “Partnering”
- Grants given: Beverly Presbyterian Church - \$2245 from 2-Cents-a-Meal fund
Bloomfield Presbyterian Church - \$1000 from Mission Outreach fund
Milton Presbyterian Church - \$1200 from Mission Outreach fund



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Report of Parish Elders – Mary Jane Knapp

- **Motion:** To approve retirements for Mark Behrendt (May 31st, 2018) and for Tom Allmon (September 30th, 2018). **Motion carried**
- **Motion:** To approve MVP Minimum Salary requirements be raised to \$44,000 per year. **Motion carried**
- **Motion:** To approve that Presbytery add a policy that all Pastors, CP's, and Retired Pastors filling pulpits, must complete a "Healthy Boundaries Training" every 2 years (through the Faith Trust Institute) which will be held multiple times in each Parish in March, April and May of 2019. Anyone not participating will no longer be considered in "good standing" with the Presbytery. **Motion carried**
- **Motion:** To approve the Ordination of Joseph Svancara as Minister of Word and Sacrament upon examination of the candidate, and approve Terms of Call [Appendix 7] and Ordination and Installation at the First Presbyterian Church of New Philadelphia. Joe was examined by Presbytery and then asked to leave the room. **Motion carried.** Joe was invited back and congratulated by Presbytery.
- **Motion:** To approve the transfer of membership of Julia Sprague from the Presbytery of Northern New York to Muskingum Valley Presbytery. **Motion carried**

The business meeting was adjourned at 3:10pm and was closed in prayer by Sheila Ellenberger.



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MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY ROLL – SEPT. 8, 2018 STATED MEETING

(Attendance Key: P = Present; E = Excused)

Presbytery Officers		
General Presbyter	Matthew Skolnik (TE) MVP	P
Moderator	Sheila Ellenberger (RE) (Cambridge Unity)	P
Moderator-Elect	Ben George (TE) (Camp Wakonda/Christ)	E
Stated Clerk	Tim Pollock (CRE) (Bloomfield)	P
Treasurer	Kathy Kettlewell (RE) (Christ)	P
Chair, Parish Elders	Mary Jane Knapp (TE) (HR) (Caldwell First)	P
Chair, Administration Committee	Joan Brode (RE) (Coshocton)	P
Chair, Calling Commission		
Chair, Missions		
Chair, Nominating	Tim Schenkel (RE) (Duncan Falls)	E

Installed Pastoral Relationships with a Particular Church (AEOD¹ #101, #103, #191, #193)			
Barnes, Alexander (Milton)		Meyer, Bob (Wayne)	P
Behrendt, Carolyn (Dennison First)	P	Parker, Mike (Ashland First)	E
Bergeson, Jeff (Unity Cambridge) (Parish Elder)	P	Petraven, Tricia (Wooster Westminster)	P
Cottrel, Christopher (Congress)		Rice, David (Wooster First)	E
DeVries, David (Christ)		Shetzer, Lynn (Reedurban)	P
Holmes, Richard (Northminster) (Parish Elder)	P	Skinner, Suellen (Brighton) (Parish Elder)	P
Houston, Tom (John Knox)		Smith, David (Marietta First) (Parish Elder)	P
Johnson, Barbara (Church of the Covenant)	P	Svancara, Joe (New Philadelphia First)	P
Kaufman, Linda (Plymouth First)	P	Unrue, Mark (Uhrichsville First)	P
Lalama, Larry (Massillon Central)	P	Van Bulck, Marc (Seville)	
McClure, J. Caleb (Cambridge First)	P	Wallace, Michael (Christ)	
McCurdy, James (Alliance First United)	P	Weirich, Anne (College Drive)	P

Temporary Pastoral Relationships with a Particular Church (AEOD #105 and #108)			
Adams, Kathleen (East Hills)		Jack, Larry (East Union)	
Hale, Ryan (Corinth United & Stillfork United)			

Ruling Elder Commissioned to a Particular Church (CRE/CP) (AEOD #107)			
Allmon, Tom (Bethesda & Hanoverton)	E	Mitchell, Tara (Zanesville Central)	
Baker, Michael (Calvary)		Perry, Herb (Putnam)	
Fusek, Sally (Dalton)		Pollock, Tim (Bloomfield)	✓
Gibson, James (Buffalo & Rix Mills)		Roepke, Tom (Linden Road)	P
Hastings, Rick (Barlow & Pioneer)	P	Walker, Ron (Bellville)	
Jones, Wes (Old Washington First & Senecaville First)	P	Walkerow, Kathleen (Loudonville First & Perrysville First)	
McCann, David (Frazeyburg)		Wentworth, Merlin (Antrim)	P
McConnell, James (Freeport & Nottingham)			

Member of Another Denomination – Temporary Membership G-2.0506 (AEOD #151, #155 & #158)			
Berger, Timothy (High Hill)		Randas, Jim (Lexington)	
Doak, Robert “Mike” (Carrollton First)		Sharp, Jack (Savannah)	
Harra, John (Watertown)		Tate, Terry (North Salem)	
Hutchison, Charles (Mt. Hermon)		Van Arsdale, Michael (Creston)	
Johnston, Lewis (Carrollton United & Scroggsfield)		Walther, Kenneth (Orrville First)	
Kittner, Bryan (Westminster, New Concord)		White, Randolph (Norwich)	

✓ = previously listed

¹ “AEOD” – Authorized Ecclesiastical Occupational Designations per the Presbyterian Church (USA) 2011.



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Honorably Retired Members of Presbytery (AEOD #299)			
Allison, Dennis Ray (<i>Trinity</i>)		Lane, John Robert	
Barnard, L. Wayne		McClelland, William L.	
Barrett, J. Edward		Morgan, C. David	
Bartow, Donald		Morrison, Barbara Lou	
Behrendt, Mark	P	Morrison Jr., Ray C.	
Berry, Hugh B.	P	O'Conner, D. Thomas	P
Birks, Virginia		Patton, Douglas A.	
Brown, Keith I.		Peterson, William D.	
Callahan, Daniel T. (<i>Minerva First</i>)	P	Revenaugh, Darla (<i>Dresden-Madison & Duncan Falls</i>)	P
Callihan, Jean R.		Rila, James S.	
Carlisle, Jonathan T.		Scherpenisse, Richard H.	
Collier Jr., James Leath		Schmidt, Sue Ann	E
Cox, Joanne		Schumacher, James A.	
Cureton III, Charles L.		Snyder, Jerry	
Dawson, Jack Hall		Stewart, Christopher P. (Parish Elder)	
Dryer, John Richard		Story Jr, James L.	
Field III, L. Dudley		Sykes, L. Elizabeth	
Fogal, Ralph G.		Tait, L. Gordon	
Green, Ralph E.		Thomas, Ellen Pruitt-	P
Hartzfeld, David		Timson, Terry T.	
Hauser, Robert A.		Trubee, R. Eldon (Parish Elder)	
Holmes, William Darrell		Watt, James E.	
Kerns-Preston, David C.		Watt, William Reid	
Keesee, Harold G.		Wereley, Richard L.	E
Knapp, Mary Jane (Parish Elder Chair)	✓	Williams-Neal, Frances Camille	
Krankovich, David		Yoder, William J.	
Kress, Cloyd E.			

Presbytery / Synod Councils (AEOD #302)			
Zaki, Rafaat	P		

Serving Another Denomination or Non-Denominational Agency (AEOD #501)			
Bacon, Nancy		Wright, Karin (Parish Elder)	
Bartholomew, Barbara	E		

Educational Institute (AEOD #641 and #644) & Military Service (AEOD #761)			
Dickson, Sue (Ashland Faculty)		Serna-Wallender, Alexander (College of Wooster)	
Lantz, Diana (Navy Chaplain)		Sprague, Julia (Muskingum University)	P
Leon, Linda (Malone University)		Watson, Joanne Ford (Ashland Faculty)	
Mullins, Will (Muskingum University)	E		

Other Validated Ministry and Members-at-Large (AEOD #791, #792 & #797)			
Arble, Cathleen		George, Benjamin (Camp Wakonda)	✓
Bausman-Gray, Wendy		McGlawn, Burt	

Council Elders (if not otherwise listed)		Parish Elders (if not otherwise listed)	
Walburg, Frank	P	Walker, Sally	P

Enrolled Inquirers & Candidates			
Ophardt, Kathryn (Christ, Inquirer)		Sharp, Robin (Wooster First, CRE candidate)	P
Rumbaugh, Ben (Wooster First, CRE candidate)		Warner, Justin (Marietta First, Inquirer)	

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Visitors / Guests			
Amstutz, Larry – Wayne PC	P	Pattison, Mary Ellen – Cambridge First	P
Bigler, Cathy – Church of the Covenant	P	Piekarski, Cathy – Marietta First	P
Cassady, Robert – New Philadelphia First	P	Potts, Bev – Admin. Assistant – Minutes Recorder	P
Cassady, Virginia – New Philadelphia First	P	Rizkalla, Dr. Hany – Egypt - Speaker	P
Chugg, Deb – Cambridge First	P	Robertson, Bill – Milton PC	P
Denes, Sue – Pioneer	P	Robertson, Donna – Milton PC	P
Greco, Jenny – Minerva First	P	Teter, Ayana – BOP – Pittsburgh Presbytery - Speaker	P
Humphrey, Connie – Cambridge First	P	Thomas, Brad – Marietta First	P
Jirles, Darwin – Unity PC	P	Vineyard, Betty – Duncan Falls First	P

Ruling Elder Commissioners			
Alliance First United PC		Lexington PC	
Antrim PC	Ourant, Donna	Linden Road PC	
Ashland First PC		Loudonville First PC	
Barlow PC		Marietta First PC	Peoples, Rick
Bellville PC		McConnelsville First PC	
Bethesda PC		Millersburg First PC	
Beverly PC		Milton PC	Hart, Kim
Bloomfield PC		Minerva First PC	McCully, Holly
Brighton PC		Mount Hermon PC	
Buffalo PC		New Philadelphia First PC	Berry, Carolyn
Caldwell First PC		Northminster PC	Bischoff, Margaret
Calvary PC		North Salem PC	
Cambridge First PC	Ferguson, Dama	Norwich PC	
Carrollton First PC		Nottingham PC	
Carrollton United PC		Old Washington First PC	
Central PC - Massillon		Orrville First PC	
Central PC - Zanesville	Perone, Mary	Perrysville First PC	
Christ PC	Bailey, Alice Ophardt, Edith	Pioneer PC	Rogers, Dave
Church of the Covenant		Plymouth First PC	
Clark Community		Putnam PC	
College Drive PC	Hartman, Joel	Reedurban PC	Kaufmann, Carol
Congress Community		Rix Mills PC	
Corinth United PC		Roseville PC	
Coshocton PC	Westfall, Donna	Savannah PC	
Creston PC		Scroggsfield United PC	
Dalton PC		Senecaville First PC	
Deerfield PC		Seville PC	
Dennison First PC		Sharon PC	
Dresden-Madison PC		Shreve PC	
Duncan Falls First PC	McCormick, Diann	Stillfork PC	
East Hills PC		Trinity United PC	Nussbaum, Maggie
East Union PC		Uhrichsville First PC	
Fazeysburg PC		Unity PC	Jirles, Celeste
Freeport PC		Warsaw First PC	
Fresno PC		Watertown PC	
Hanoverton PC		Wayne PC	Thomas, Jan
High Hill PC		Westminster PC - New Concord	
Hopewell PC		Westminster PC - Wooster	
John Knox PC		Wooster First PC	