



# 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 worshiping 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**

**SATURDAY, APRIL 6, 2019**

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**Pionner Presbyterian Church  
873 Farson St., Belpre, OH. 45714**

### **SUMMARY OF APPENDICES**

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### MINUTES

### CONSENT AGENDA

- Approve the April 6, 2019 MVP Stated Meeting Docket, Consent Agenda & Action Items [Appendix 1]
- Approve the Minutes from the February 9, 2019 MVP Stated Meeting [Appendix 2]  
*(Only 2 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 MVP Mission Center office)*
- Approve Parish Elders recommendation of the dissolution of the call between Suellen Skinner and Brighton Presbyterian Church, Zanesville, OH. effective June 30, 2019

### FOR INFORMATION

- Parish Elders approved the renewal of Terms of Call for the following:  
*Installed Pastors:*  
Anne Weirich with College Drive Presbyterian Church; Linda Kaufman with Plymouth First Presbyterian Church; Michael Parker with Ashland First Presbyterian Church; Jeff Bergeson with Unity Presbyterian Church; David Smith with Marietta First Presbyterian Church; Carolyn Behrendt with Dennison First Presbyterian Church & Mark Unrue with Uhrichsville First Presbyterian Church  
*Temporary Supply Pastors:*  
Darla Revenaugh with Duncan Falls & Dresden-Madison Presbyterian Churches  
*Commissioned Pastors:*  
Rick Hastings with Barlow Presbyterian Church; Merlin Wentworth with Antrim Presbyterian Church; Herb Perry with Putnam Presbyterian Church; Tom Roepke with Linden Road Presbyterian Church & James McConnell with Freeport Presbyterian Church
- Parish Elders approve the following Ruling Elders trained to serve Communion in and for their respective Churches:  
*Frazysburg PC - Fred Bennett; Deerfield PC - Lucille Westfall; Unity PC - Michael "Shane" Cunningham, Robert Baird & Martha Waddell; Roseville PC - Joan Spring & Ray Curley; Caldwell First PC - Rita Pickenpaugh, Maureen Schultice & Ruth Pearson; Duncan Falls PC - Maureen Montgomery; Dresden-Madison PC/Duncan Falls PC - Rev. Darla Revenaugh; Brighton PC - Traci McClellan & Barbara Amstutz; Central PC Zanesville - Marcy Ledford, Ellen Presnell, Mary Perone & Melinda Snyder; Putnam PC - Gaynell Dillon, Michael Lafferty, Gloria Kreis, Ruth Stotts & Judy Vernon*



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## ACTION ITEMS AND REPORTS

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm by the MVP Moderator, Rev. Ben George who opened with prayer. A quorum was declared by the MVP Stated Clerk, Tim Pollock.

**Motion:** To approve the Consent Agenda. **Motion carried**

Report of General Presbyter – Rev. Matt Skolnik

### **Celebrations and Blessings**

- Elders, who met at one of the break-out sessions after worship, shared concerns, blessings and desires of our churches. What is your greatest hope for your congregations? Many answers to this questions. Rick Hastings prayed encouragement over our MVP churches.
- Matt offered healing prayers for the ailing MVP pastors and leaders, current and retired.
- Matt invited Rev. Suellen Skinner up for prayer as she prepares to move to New Hampshire. Rev. Jeff Bergeson gave the prayer as many joined together and laid hands on her.
- Matt introduced Rev. Karen Crawford to everyone and allowed a moment for her to share. Dr. JoAnn Watson said a prayer over Karen and her new ministry at Coshocton PC.
- Matt attended Diana Lantz's retirement ceremony and told a little bit about it and what a blessing it was.
- Tim Pollock spoke about what has been happening with *Big Fish Folklife*. Rachel Pollock's play, "Remember How He Told You" is being re-printed. Rachel has written a memoir that has turned into a one woman show called "Journey of The Long Nose". *Big Fish* will be going to the Capital Fringe Theatre Festival in Washington D.C. in July 2019. There will also be another story-telling festival held in New Concord again this summer. *Big Fish* will be launching their website May 1<sup>st</sup>. They are building a tiny house as a retreat center for artists and updating their barn to hold workshops. Offering Poetry as a Spiritual Practice is being held at Bloomfield PC. Donna Robertson offered a prayer over *Big Fish*, the Pollocks and all involved with this ministry.
- Rev. Suellen Skinner shared about the Ruling Elder Communion Training that was held in February 2019 which had 23 attendees. Rev. Jeff Bergeson has updated the curriculum.
- Healthy Boundaries Training. Four seminars have been held, with three more scheduled.
- 10,000 Cups of Joe (2020). Matt explained the background for this, is learning how to build community. Leaders are being asked, in 2020, to have two cups of coffee per week to sit and visit, and get to know someone, without having an agenda.
- Cross Cultural Church: Reclaiming Pentecost - There will be a training/retreat on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup>, (the day before our next Stated Meeting) at Camp Wakonda. Matt has invited several people to speak at this training including one of the GA Co-Moderators. One of our biggest struggles is building community. In the long run he is hoping to gather cohorts of our churches to create international partnernships with churches of different cultures and to create conversations with people in our communities who are from different cultures.
- Church Planting Emersion and Training Pastors in Egypt. Matt is hoping to take Elders and Pastors from MVP to Egypt in June 2019, to give trainings on Conflict Management, Preaching and Teaching skills, Home visitations, Praying for the Sick and Healing Ministries.

**Contenders:** Being Sherpherd Strong - Abraham: Failure as a Gift - Genesis 22

Failure as Victory: The sacrifice vs the binding. Abraham as a hero of faith/trust/loyalty. Abraham as a failure - the torah forbids what he attempts. Enduring values. But failure through the lens of the



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Shepherd. Two views of failure: failure remains vs. failure as one's greatest triumph.

Intensity: Abraham was asked to give the ultimate sacrifice, his beloved son Isaac.

Tension: Abraham's silence before God is his failure (to plea with God or to say no). He is confronted by the very person he is about to sacrifice as Isaac asks him "Where is the sacrifice?" There is a cost to failure. Can failure be viewed as a gift? Failure can be a Victory. As leaders, what is our biggest failure? Amen

Moderator, Rev. Ben George welcomed the first-time commissioners as they stood and were recognized: Kevin Anderson from Christ PC; Bonnie Donnelly from Marietta First PC; Hal Leach from Milton PC; Barbara Amstutz from Brighton PC; Mary Mason from Beverly PC

## Report of Stated Clerk – Tim Pollock

- An Administrative Commission for the Synod of the Covenant has been formed. The GA Co-Moderators have appointed:  
Patrice Hatley (RE) Co-Moderator - Tampa Bay Presbytery, Synod of South Atlantic;  
Michelle Johnson (RE) - Tropical Florida Presbytery, Synod of South Atlantic;  
Susan D. Krummel (TE) - Chicago Presbytery, Synod of Lincoln Trails;  
Ben McConaughy (RE) - Seattle Presbytery, Synod of Alaska-Northwest;  
Adel W. Malek (TE) - Los Ranchos Presbytery, Synod of Southern California & Hawaii;  
Brady Radford (TE) Co-Moderator - Greater Atlantic Presbytery, Synod of the South Atlantic;  
Elona Street-Stewart (RE) - Presbytery of the Twin Cities Area, Synod of Lakes and Prairies;  
Richard Rojas (TE) - Presbiterio de San Juan, Sinodo Presbiteriano Boriquén  
Ruling Elder Flor Vélez-Díaz and Teaching Elder Jihyun Oh from the Office of the General Assembly, will serve as staff resource. Please keep the work of this AC in your prayers!
- Tim reminded everyone of the changes made to the MVP By-Laws (approved at 2.9.19 Stated Meeting) concerning the number of Commissioners to Presbytery allowed per church.
- Tim is looking into some Saturdays in Sept. and Oct., 2019 for Session Minutes Reviews

## Financial Report - Treasurer Pro-Tem, Frank Walburg

Frank spoke about the Financial Report [Appendix 4]. We are running fairly close to budget. He wants everyone to look at the different grant amounts that are available.

Report of Administration - In the absence of Joan Brode, Chair of Administration, Frank Walburg spoke on a few things that the Administration Committee is working on. The New Philadelphia Mission Center property has been sold and we are looking for a new place for the Presbytery office. There is a group working on the next fiscal year's budget. Administration will be having a conversation with the General Presbyter, Matt, concerning his Terms of Call.

Report of Parish Elders - In the absence of Rev. Mark Unrue, Rev. Ben George and Rev. Jeff Bergeson spoke.

- Presbyterian Youth Triennium - deadline for registration by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Contact Dave Puterbaugh, official MVP registrar.
- Certificates for Ruling Elder Communion Training completion were handed out by Rev. Jeff Bergeson to those who were in attendance. Rev. Ben George lead prayer over these folks.



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## Report of Nominating - Tim Schenkel

- **Motion:** To elect Rev. Darla Revennaugh to fulfill the remainder of Rev. Suellen Skinner's term as Parish Elder of the Morgan/Perry/Zanesville Parish through Dec. 31, 2019. **Motion carried**
- The Nominating Committee is still looking for a Parish Elder for the Carroll Parish.

## Other info

There is a new CRE/CP group forming for training. See Edith Ophardt for more info.

There are 4 camps within our Presbytery that are great camps. Please consider camp this year.

Council has changed from 12 meetings per year to 6 meetings per year, and on the months they do not meet, they are reaching out to meet with folks within the Presbytery and building relationships.

Rev. Ben George proposed a **Motion** to adjourn at 2:15 pm. **Motion carried.** And he closed the meeting in prayer.

Minutes approved by MVP Stated Clerk, Tim Pollock

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### Healthy Boundaries Training Dates

South - Monday, April 8, 2019 (12pm to 3 pm) @ Pioneer PC, Belpre, OH

North - Wednesday, April 10, 2019 (2pm to 5 pm) @ Central PC, Massillon, OH

Final Call - Wednesday, April 24, 2019 (2pm to 5 pm)

@ MVP Mission Center, New Philadelphia, OH

### Presbyterian Youth Triennium

July 16-20, 2019 @ Purdue University, West Lafayette, Indiana

### Retreats

May 5-7, 2019 Spring Retreat @ St. Therese's Retreat Center, Columbus, OH

Oct. 10, 2019 Fall Day Retreat @ Pleasant Hill Outdoor Camp, Perrysville, OH

### MVP Stated Meetings

Saturday, September 14, 2019 - MVP Stated Meeting @ Camp Wakonda, Sherrodsville, OH

Saturday, December 7, 2019 - MVP Stated Meeting @ College of Wooster, Wooster, OH



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## MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY ROLL - 2019

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

Presbytery Officers		
General Presbyter	Rev. Matthew Skolnik (TE) MVP	P
Moderator	Rev. Ben George (TE) (Camp Wakonda/Christ PC)	P
Moderator-Elect	Dr. JoAnn Ford-Watson (Ashland U Faculty)	P
Stated Clerk	Tim Pollock (CRE) (Bloomfield PC)	P
Treasurer Pro-Tem	Frank Walburg (RE)(Trinity PC)	P
Chair, Parish Elders	Rev. Mark Unrue (TE) (Uhrichsville First)	E
Chair, Administration Committee	Joan Brode (RE) (Coshocton PC)	E
Chair, Calling Commission		
Chair, Missions		
Chair, Nominating	Tim Schenkel (RE) (Duncan Falls PC)	P

Installed Pastoral Relationships with a Particular Church (AEOD <sup>1</sup> #101, #103, #191, #193)			
Barnes, Alexander (Milton PC)	P	McCurdy, James (Alliance First United PC)	
Behrendt, Carolyn (Dennison First PC)		Meyer, Bob (Wayne PC)	
Bergeson, Jeff (Unity Cambridge PC) (Parish Elder)	P	Parker, Mike (Ashland First PC)	E
Cottrel, Christopher (Congress Community)		Petraven, Tricia (Seville PC)	E
Crawford, Karen (Coshocton PC)	P	Rice, David (Wooster First PC)	E
DeVries, David (Christ PC)		Shetzer, Lynn Bozich (Reedurban PC)	E
Holmes, Richard (Northminster PC) (Parish Elder)		Skinner, Suellen (Brighton PC) (Parish Elder)	P
Johnson, Barbara (Church of the Covenant)	E	Smith, David (Marietta First PC) (Parish Elder)	P
Kaufman, Linda (Plymouth First PC)	E	Svancara, Joe (New Philadelphia First PC)	P
Lalama, Larry (Central PC, Massillon)		Unrue, Mark (Uhrichsville First PC)	✓
McClure, J. Caleb (Cambridge First PC)	P	Wallace, Michael (Christ PC)	
		Weirich, Anne (College Drive PC)	E

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

Ruling Elder Commissioned to a Particular Church (CRE/CP) (AEOD #107)			
Baker, Michael (Calvary PC)		Mitchell, Tara (Central PC, Zanesville)	P
Fusek, Sally (Dalton PC)		Perry, Herb (Putnam PC)	
Gibson, James (Buffalo PC & Rix Mills PC)		Pollock, Tim (Bloomfield PC)	✓
Hastings, Rick (Barlow PC & Pioneer PC)	P	Roepke, Tom (Linden Road PC)	
Jones, Wes (Old Washington 1st & Senecaville 1st)		Walker, Ron (Bellville PC)	
McCann, David (Frazeyburg PC)		Walkerow, Kathleen (Loudonville First & Perrysville First)	
McConnell, James (Freeport PC & Nottingham PC)		Wentworth, Merlin (Antrim PC)	

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

✓ = previously listed

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



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<b>Honorably Retired Member of Presbytery (AEOD #299)</b>			
Allison, Dennis Ray ( <i>Trinity PC</i> )		Krankovich, David	
Barnard, L. Wayne		Kress, Cloyd E.	
Barrett, J. Edward		Lane, John Robert	
Bartow, Donald		McClelland, William L.	
Behrendt, Mark		Mistic, Michael	
Berry, Hugh B.		Morrison, Barbara Lou	
Birks, Virginia		Morrison Jr., Ray C.	
Brown, Keith I.		O'Connor, D. Thomas	P
Callahan, Daniel T. ( <i>Minerva First PC</i> )		Peterson, William D.	
Callihan, Jean R.		Revennaugh, Darla ( <i>Dresden-Madison &amp; Duncan Falls</i> )	
Collier Jr., James Leath		Rila, James S.	
Cox, Joanne		Scherpenisse, Richard H.	
Crawford, James	P	Schmidt, Sue Ann	
Cureton III, Charles L.		Schumacher, James A.	
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-	
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	E	Williams-Neal, Frances Camille	
		Yoder, William J.	

<b>Presbytery / Synod Councils (AEOD #302)</b>			

<b>Serving Another Denomination or Non-Denominational Agency (AEOD #501)</b>			
Bacon, Nancy		Lewis, Helen	
Bartholomew, Barbara (Grace Lutheran, Wadsworth)	E	Wright, Karin (UCC, Suffield)	

<b>Educational Institute (AEOD #641 and #644) &amp; Military Service (AEOD #761)</b>			
Dickson, Sue (Ashland Faculty)		Mullins, Will (Muskingum University)	
Lantz, Diana (Navy Chaplain) (retiring 5/1/19)		Sprague, Julia (Muskingum University)	
Leon, Linda (Malone University)		Watson, JoAnn Ford (Ashland Faculty)	✓

<b>Other Validated Ministry and Members-at-Large (AEOD #791, #792 &amp; #797)</b>			
Arble, Cathleen		George, Benjamin (Camp Wakonda)	✓
Bausman-Gray, Wendy		Houston, Tom (TE)	

<b>Council Members (not otherwise listed)</b>		<b>Parish Elders (not otherwise listed)</b>	
		Walker, Sally	

<b>Enrolled Inquirers &amp; Candidates</b>			
Ophardt, Kathryn (Christ PC, Inquirer)		Sharp, Robin (Wooster First, CRE Candidate)	
Rumbaugh, Ben (Wooster First, CRE Candidate ready for call)		Warner, Justin (Marietta First, Inquirer)	

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Visitors / Guests			
Denes, Sue - Pioneer PC	P	Potts, Bev – Admin. Assistant – Minutes Recorder	P
Hastings, Andrea - Pioneer PC	P	Robertson, Donna - Milton PC	P
Martin, Patricia - Barlow PC	P	Rogers, Libby - Pioneer PC	P
Nutter, Mark - Pioneer PC	P	Tuten, Diane - Beverly PC	P
Ophardt, Edith - Christ PC	P	Westfall, Lucille - Deerfield (not present for Business Mtg)	
Orr, Ruth - Deerfield (not present for Business Mtg)			

Ruling Elder Commissioners			
Alliance First United PC		Lexington PC	
Antrim PC		Linden Road PC	
Ashland First PC		Loudonville First PC	
Barlow PC		Marietta First PC	Donnelly, Bonnie Piekarski, Cathy
Bellville PC		McConnelsville First PC	
Bethesda PC		Millersburg First PC	
Beverly PC	Mason, Mary	Milton PC	Leach, Hal
Bloomfield PC		Minerva First PC	
Brighton PC	Amstutz, Barb	Mount Hermon PC	
Buffalo PC		New Philadelphia First PC	Walker, Sally
Caldwell First PC		Northminster PC	
Calvary PC		North Salem PC	
Cambridge First PC		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	Anderson, Kevin Ophardt, Michael	Pioneer PC	Rogers, Dave
Church of the Covenant		Plymouth First PC	
Clark Community		Putnam PC	
College Drive PC		Reedurban PC	
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		Stillfork PC	
East Hills PC		Trinity United PC	
East Union PC		Uhrichsville First PC	
Frazeysburg PC		Unity PC	Waddell, Martha
Freeport PC		Warsaw First PC	
Fresno PC		Watertown PC	
Hanoverton PC		Wayne PC	
High Hill PC		Westminster PC - (NC)	
Hopewell PC		Westminster PC - Wooster	
John Knox PC		Wooster First PC	