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**The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Minutes of June 15, 2017 Stated Meeting
Mitchell Presbyterian Church - Mitchell, Indiana
The Rev. Deborah Fortel, Moderator
The Rev. David Crittenden, Stated Clerk**

Call to Order

The Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley was called to order by Moderator Deborah Fortel at 10:00 am. Moderator Fortel opened the meeting with prayer and introduced Rev. Tricia Lloyd-Sidle the worship and education leader for the day.

Opening Worship and Proclamation of the Word

The Rev. Tricia Lloyd-Sidle led the Assembly in worship, focusing on Matthew 15:21-28 for her sermon. Music was provided by Rev. Allen Colwell and Rev. Catherine Knott.

Introductory Business

Stated Clerk David Crittenden declared that a quorum was present, as indicated by the roles, as follows:

Formation of the Roll

The roll was established by written registration. Minister members and Elder Commissioners were present (P), absent (A), or excused (E) as listed below.

Ministers

Ackerman, Jim
Adams, Kim
Aelick, E. Duane
Ballard, John
Bangert, Byron
Barrett, Bill
Barrett, Carol
Bartel, Michelle
Bean, Michael
Black, Andrew
Black, Dawn
Blankenbeker, J.C.
Brand, Cal
Brookman, David
Buchanan, Kevin
Clark, Andrew
Cochran, Sarah
Colwell, Allen
Cramer, James

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Church

Honorably Retired
Bloomington, First
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Member-at-Large
GA/Presbyterian Mission Agency
North Vernon, Graham/Vernon
Terre Haute, Unity
Bloomfield, First
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Terre Haute, Central
Mount Vernon, First
Member-at-Large
New Albany, St John United
Honorably Retired

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Ministers

Crittenden, David (P)
Cushman, Cindy (A)
Davenport, Dennis (A)
Davies, Peter (A)
Dennis, Phillip (P)
Dorsey, Lee (A)
Elliott, Hana (P)
Erickson, Eric (E)
Erickson, John (A)
Erickson, Norie (E)
Finley, E. Dean (E)
Fleming, Kevin (A)
Flucke, Aaron (A)
Fortel, Deborah (P)
Fox, Kathleen (E)
FrizLanger, Martha (P)
Frost, Randall (E)
Gladney, Eugene (E)
Gorton, William (E)
Hainer, Frank (E)
Harper, Cheri (A)
Haw, Ann (E)
Heldring, Boyd (P)
Hookey, Scott (E)
Hruaia, Vanlal (P)
Hudson, Jay (E)
Hudson, Jill (E)
Hueftle, Keith (E)
Jackman, Lawrence (P)
Jensen, Mary (E)
Jessen, Timothy (P)
Keeney, William (E)
Kendall, Wes (P)
Kim-Kort, Mihee (E)
King, Rick (E)
Knight, Jo Ann (E)
Knott, Catherine (P)
Kort, Andy (P)
Langer, Larry (P)
Lasher, Martha (A)
Lee, David (E)
Lee, Je (P)

Church

Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Southern Hills Parish
Evansville, Eastminster
Member-at-Large
Corydon, Corydon
Columbus, Fairlawn
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Evansville, First
Lexington, Lexington
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Dale, Dale
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant
Honorably Retired
Petersburg, Main Street
Madison, Madison
Princeton, First/United
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Greencastle, Greencastle
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Hanover, Hanover College
Bloomington, First
Vincennes, Indiana
Indiana National Guard
Spencer, Spencer
Presbyterian Parish of Lawrence County

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Ministers

Lee, Sang Tae (A)
Lenhart, Benjamin (E)
Lorimer, Robert (E)
Martinez, Felipe (P)
McCormick, Wendy (A)
McDaniel, Mark (E)
McDonald Smith, Karen (P)
McGhee, Susan (P)
McGlasson, Paul (A)
McKune, John (E)
Moore, Gregory (P)
Napoli, John (P)
Olson, Mark (E)
Olson, Wendy (P)
O'Neill, Shane (E)
Park, Jaeseok (E)
Paul-Bonham, Scott (E)
Pekich-Bundy, Katrina (E)
Peters, Linda (P)
Porter, Mark (E)
Pye, Charlie (E)
Ramirez-Spears, Amy (E)
Recob, Tami (P)
Robinson, Mark (A)
Roseland, Chris (A)
Rosen, David (E)
Rumsey, William (E)
Scroggins, Gary (A)
Seay, Scott (P)
Smith, Alexa (E)
Smith, Sharon (A)
Stokes, Donald (A)
Stuart, Irene (E)
Summerfield, Don (P)
Taylor, Veltri (P)
Thorne, Cheryl (P)
Tracy, Doug (E)
Turner, Robert (P)
Van Doren, Richard (P)
VanderZee, John (E)
VanderZee, Wendy (A)
Walden-Fisher, Beth (A)

Church

Bloomington, Korean
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Columbus, First
Evansville, Center for Congregations Southwest
Member-at-Large
New Albany, Mount Tabor
Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Bloomington, United
Trinity Parish
Trinity Parish
Honorably Retired
Bloomington, Korean
Terre Haute, Fed Bureau of Prisons
Hanover, Hanover
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Clarksville, Grace
Member-at-Large
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
Member-at-Large
GA/Mission Council
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Brazil, First
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
Member-at-Large
Terre Haute, Indiana State University
Livonia, Livonia United
Honorably Retired
Jeffersonville, First
Evansville, Asera Care Hospice
Washington, Westminster
Honorably Retired
Paoli, First
Martinsville, First
Brownstown, First
Bloomington, Hospice of Bloomington Hospital
Salem, Salem

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Ministers

Walters, Ralph (E)
Waters, Nancy (P)
Watson, Daniel (P)
White, Robert (E)
Williams, Sharon (A)
Youman, Mary (E)

Church

Honorably Retired
Scottsburg, First
Seymour, First
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired

Ministers,

Other Denomination

Atkins, Corey (A)
Bower, David (A)
Feagan, Gene (A)
Henry, Bill (A)
Morris, William (A)
Perkins, R. Wayne (A)

Church

Fort Branch, First
Roachdale, Roachdale
Evansville, First Avenue
Cayuga, Cayuga (United)
Patoka, Patoka
Evansville, Immanuel

Commissioned

Ruling Elders

Doll, Larry (A)
Finch, Mick (P)
Kutz-Mellem, Sharon (P)
Poff, Dick (P)
Snyder, Barbara (A)
Turner, John (A)

Church

Vincennes, South Side
Leavenworth, Community
Central, Valley City
Spencer, Bethany
Farmersburg, First

Church

Bedford, First
Bloomfield, First
Bloomington, First
Bloomington, United
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
Brazil, First
Brownstown, First
Cayuga, Cayuga (United)
Central, Valley City
Charlestown, Community
Clarksville, Grace
Clinton, United
Columbus, Fairlawn
Columbus, First
Corydon, Corydon
Dale, Dale
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant

Commissioner

Mary Hardesty (P)
David Holt (P)
Karen Hahn (P)
Judie Iverson (A)
Peggy Collins (P)
Vanita Moore (A)
Kathy Ellis (P)
Commissioner (A)
Brenda Bliss (A)
Commissioner (A)
John Trueblood (A)
Jack Fenoglio (P)
David Doup (P)
Jo Lucas (P)
Charles Eckart (P)
Steven Rexing (A)
Connie Tuell (A)

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Church

Evansville, Eastminster
Evansville, First
Evansville, First Avenue
Evansville, Immanuel
Evansville, Parke Memorial
Evansville, Westminster
Farmersburg, First
Fort Branch, First
Grammer, Grammer
Greencastle, Greencastle
Hanover, Hanover
Henryville, Community
Henryville, Mount Lebanon
Jeffersonville, First
Laconia, Rehoboth
Laconia, United
Leavenworth, Community
Lexington, Lexington
Livonia, Livonia United
Madison, Jefferson
Madison, Madison
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe
Martinsville, First
Mitchell, Mitchell
Montezuma, First
Mount Vernon, First
Nabb, Nabb
Nashville, Brown County
Fellowship
New Albany, Mount Tabor
New Albany, St John United
New Washington, Trinity United
Newburgh, Newburgh
North Vernon, Graham
Paoli, First
Patoka, Patoka
Patoka, Union Bethel
Petersburg, Main Street
Princeton, Fairview
Princeton, First
Princeton, United
Roachdale, Roachdale

Commissioner

Melissa Mattingly (P)
Rob Henson (A)
Ed Marlin (A)
Bea Clem (A)
Commissioner (A)
Doug Mikolasek (A)
John Wood (A)
Commissioner (A)
Jacque Denny (A)
Andy Lorimer (A)
Janet Lowry (P)
Janet Mullins (P)
Marianna Dietrich (P)
Virgil Hertling (P)
Paula Hensley (A)
Judy Beckort (A)
John Stutzman (A)
George Hill (A)
Vicki Green (A)
Commissioner (A)
Jean Beaver (A)
Carol Bell (A)
Mike Stiver (P)
Janet Phillips (P)
Ann Stanley (P)
William Henderson (A)
Roberta Bastian (P)
Jane Gore (P)
Mary LaVonne McCarty (P)
Kirsten Bullock (A)
Ruby Taflinger (A)
Commissioner (A)
Steve Graham (P)
Joan Myers (P)
Jo Ellen Bingham (A)
Gerald Bane (A)
Charles Gray (P)
Commissioner (A)
Troy Davidson (P)
Bill Ready (P)
John Boruff (A)

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Church

Rockville, Memorial
Salem, Salem
Scipio, United
Scottsburg, First
Seymour, First
Spencer, Bethany
Spencer, Spencer
Sullivan, First
Terre Haute, Central
Terre Haute, Unity
Vernon, Vernon
Vevay, Caledonia
Vincennes, Bethany
Vincennes, Indiana
Vincennes, Royal Oak
Vincennes, South Side
Vincennes, Upper Indiana
Washington, Westminster

Commissioner

Jim Rohe (A)
Norma Eisert (E)
Bill Gerhard (P)
Cheryl Davenport (A)
George Ernest (A)
Robert Pedro (P)
Carol Miller (A)
Dan Pirtle (A)
Alan Harder (E)
Jan Buffington (A)
Commissioner (A)
Caren Griffith (A)
Donald Opell (A)
Alanna Charlton (A)
Commissioner (A)
Allison Doll (A)
Bob Slayton (A)
John Vanderbeck (P)

Elder Members by Reason of Office

Beaver, Mike (A)
Brown, Jean (P)
Ellison, Zack (P)
Ferguson, Barbara (P)
Folz, Fred (A)
Goodwell, Karen (E)
McClellan, Ed (A)
Moles, Cheryl (A)
Vanderbeck, Trudy (P)

Corresponding Members

Jake Hofmeister Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center

Visitors

Reva Dietrich	Henryville, Community	Byrl Pedro	Spencer, Bethany
Tricia Lloyd-Sidle	Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky	Susie Russell	Martinsville, First
Owen V. Johnson	Bloomington, First	Oakleigh Westfall	Mitchell, Mitchell
Janet Poff	Spencer, Bethany		

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Welcome

Moderator Fortel called upon the Rev. Je Lee to bring greetings from the host church, Mitchell Presbyterian Church.

Introductions of New Members, Guests

Executive Presbyter Susan McGhee introduced 3 new pastors in the Presbytery: Rev. Je Lee (Presbyterian Parish of Lawrence County), Rev. Andrew Clark (First, Mt Vernon), Rev. Philip Dennis (Corydon) and retired pastor Rev. Bob Turner, now serving the Paoli church. First-time commissioners were also introduced.

Seating of Corresponding Members

It was m/s/c that Rev. Lloyd-Sidle of the Mid-Kentucky Presbytery be seated as a corresponding member.

Consent Agenda

It was m/s/c that the Consent Agenda be approved, as follows:

Minutes of Assembly March 25, 2017

Docket

**The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
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Call to Order

Opening Worship and Proclamation of the Word

The Rev. Tricia Lloyd-Sidle, preaching

Introductory Business

Welcome

Introductions of New Members, Guests

Seating of Corresponding Members

Consent Agenda

Minutes of Assembly March 25, 2017, Docket, Clerk's Report, Treasurer's

Report, Report of Council, Committee on Ministry

Report of the Congregational Mission and Vitality Committee

Report from the Bethlehem Partnership Trip

Report of the Evangelism and Congregational Witness Committee

Recognition of Transparent Church

Report of the Nominating Committee

Nominations for service on the Permanent Judicial Commission and Pyoca Advisory

Council

Greeting from Pyoca

Speak Out Session

Lunch

Order of the Day for 1:00pm: Conversations about Race

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Report of the Executive Presbyter
New Business
Prayers of the Presbytery
Offering
Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
Adjournment with Closing Litany

Clerk's Report

The Rev. David Crittenden

1. I have received a written statement of an alleged offense against a teaching elder of our Presbytery. The allegation has been referred to an investigating committee to be appointed by the Moderator of the Presbytery. (D.10.0103)
2. The minutes of the 2016 meetings of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley were reviewed May 25, 2017, at the Synod of Lincoln Trails Presbytery Minutes Review meeting. The minutes were approved with minor exceptions.
 - a. No report of annual changes in terms of call for teaching elder members of the Presbytery
 - b. No report(s) of candidates and inquirers from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry
 - c. No record of the request for nominations from the floor for all recorded elections

Treasurer's Report

Elder Jean Brown

Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1 through April 30, 2017

	Jan - Apr 2017	Annual
	Actual	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>		
Per Capita	\$ 102,472	\$ 184,055
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	32,893	100,000
Contributions	1,257	7,000
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	12,500	50,000
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	13,960	55,839
Miscellaneous Income	-	
	<hr/> 163,084	396,894
<u>Expense</u>		
Staff Expense	67,403	234,031
Ecclesial Expense	24,041	72,414
Meeting Expense	1,153	11,000

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Administration & Office Expense	11,249	38,000
Program Expense	9,467	41,250
Total Expense	<u>113,312</u>	<u>396,695</u>
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 49,771</u>	<u>\$ 199</u>

Fund Balances
As of April 30, 2017

Church Legacy Funds	627,397
Monroe City Fund	284,992
Brown Trust	209,121
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	23,307
Undesignated Net Assets	<u>561,082</u>
	<u>\$ 1,705,899</u>

2017 Per Capita 31.5

		<u>Members</u>	<u>2017 Per Capita</u>	<u>Received as of 5/31/2017</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
Bedford	First	102	3,213.00		0.0%
Bloomfield	First	71	2,236.50	2,236.50	100.0%
Bloomington	First	392	12,348.00		0.0%
Bloomington	United	61	1,921.50		0.0%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	109	3,433.50	3,433.50	100.0%
Brazil	First	288	9,072.00	4,536.00	50.0%
Brownstown	Brownstown	30	945.00	945.00	100.0%
Canaan	Jefferson	12	378.00		0.0%
Cayuga	Cayuga	41	1,291.50		0.0%
Central	Valley City	25	787.50		0.0%
Charlestown	Community	33	1,039.50	1,039.50	100.0%
Clarksville	Grace	8	252.00	252.00	100.0%
Clinton	United	39	1,228.50	455.00	37.0%
Columbus	Fairlawn	125	3,937.50	1,968.76	50.0%
Columbus	First	413	13,009.50	13,009.50	100.0%
Corydon	Corydon	109	3,433.50	3,433.25	100.0%
Dale	Dale	51	1,606.50		0.0%
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant	38	1,197.00	1,197.00	100.0%
Evansville	Eastminster	317	9,985.50	2,400.00	24.0%
Evansville	First	295	9,292.50	9,292.50	100.0%
Evansville	First Avenue	31	976.50		0.0%
Evansville	Immanuel	33	1,039.50	161.50	15.5%
Evansville	Parke Memorial	26	819.00		0.0%
Evansville	Westminster	22	693.00		0.0%
Farmersburg	First	27	850.50	850.50	100.0%
Fort Branch	First	68	2,142.00	2,142.00	100.0%
Grammer	Grammer	12	378.00	378.00	100.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	107	3,370.50	842.63	25.0%

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Hanover	Hanover	65	2,047.50	2,047.50	100.0%
Henryville	Community	39	1,228.50	1,228.50	100.0%
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	19	598.50	598.50	100.0%
Jasper	First	12	378.00		0.0%
Jeffersonville	First	219	6,898.50	1,724.50	25.0%
Laconia	Rehoboth	52	1,638.00	1,638.00	100.0%
Laconia	United	14	441.00	441.00	100.0%
Leavenworth	Community	45	1,417.50		0.0%
Lexington	Lexington	47	1,480.50	1,480.50	100.0%
Livonia	United	51	1,606.50	1,606.50	100.0%
Madison	Madison	118	3,717.00	1,858.50	50.0%
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	8	252.00	240.00	95.2%
Martinsville	First	81	2,551.50	60.00	2.4%
Mitchell	Mitchell	68	2,142.00	535.50	25.0%
Montezuma	First	21	661.50	661.50	100.0%
Mount Vernon	First	67	2,110.50	2,110.50	100.0%
Nabb	Nabb	19	598.50	598.50	100.0%
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	33	1,039.50	1,039.50	100.0%
New Albany	Mount Tabor	81	2,551.50	2,015.00	79.0%
New Albany	St. John United	168	5,292.00		0.0%
New Washington	Trinity United	32	1,008.00	756.50	75.0%
Newburgh	Newburgh	106	3,339.00		0.0%
North Vernon	Graham	17	535.50	535.50	100.0%
Paoli	First	39	1,228.50	1,228.50	100.0%
Patoka	Patoka	15	472.50	472.50	100.0%
Patoka	Union Bethel	12	378.00	378.00	100.0%
Petersburg	Main Street	61	1,921.50	1,921.50	100.0%
Princeton	Fairview	53	1,669.50	1,669.50	100.0%
Princeton	First	65	2,047.50	2,047.50	100.0%
Princeton	United	45	1,417.50	1,417.50	100.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	44	1,386.00	1,386.00	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	43	1,354.50	1,354.50	100.0%
Salem	Salem	77	2,425.50	2,425.00	100.0%
Scipio	United	57	1,795.50	1,795.50	100.0%
Scottsburg	First	54	1,701.00	1,701.00	100.0%
Seymour	First	137	4,315.50	4,315.50	100.0%
Spencer	Bethany	22	693.00		0.0%
Spencer	Spencer	80	2,520.00	1,680.00	66.7%
Sullivan	First	115	3,622.50	3,622.50	100.0%
Terre Haute	Central	254	8,001.00	8,001.00	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	90	2,835.00	2,835.00	100.0%
Vernon	Vernon	16	504.00	504.00	100.0%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	126.00		0.0%
Vincennes	Bethany	14	441.00	420.00	95.2%
Vincennes	Indiana	108	3,402.00	314.00	9.2%
Vincennes	Royal Oak	9	283.50	283.50	100.0%
Vincennes	Southside	11	346.50		0.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	90	2,835.00	2,835.00	100.0%
Washington	Westminster	61	1,921.50	600.00	31.2%
		5843	\$184,054.50	\$112,956.64	61.4%

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Shared Mission 2017

		<u>Received as of May 31, 2017</u>				
		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bedford	First					
Bloomfield	First	700	420	210	70	700
Bloomington	First		6,275	2,500		8,775
Bloomington	Korean		1,500			1,500
Bloomington	United	400				0
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial		50	50	50	150
Brazil	First		750	375	125	1,250
Brownstown	Brownstown					0
Canaan	Jefferson					0
Cayuga	Cayuga					0
Central	Valley City					0
Charlestown	Community					0
Clarksville	Grace					0
Clinton	United	750				0
Columbus	Fairlawn	3,150	945	473	158	1,575
Columbus	First	37,495	9,374	4,687	1,562	15,623
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster		1,065	533	178	1,775
Evansville	First	15,000	3,000	1,500	500	5,000
Evansville	First Avenue					0
Evansville	Immanuel		25	25	50	100
Evansville	Parke Memorial					0
Evansville	Westminster					0
Farmersburg	First					0
Fort Branch	First		175	175	150	500
Grammer	Grammer	500	75	38	13	125
Greencastle	Greencastle					0
Hanover	Hanover	3,000	1,800	900	300	3,000
Henryville	Community					0
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jasper	First					0
Jeffersonville	First	5,000	750	375	125	1,250
Laconia	Rehoboth					0
Laconia	United	150				0
Leavenworth	Community					0
Lexington	Lexington					0
Livonia	United					0
Madison	Madison					0
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe					0
Martinsville	First					0
Mitchell	Mitchell					0
Montezuma	First		300	150	50	500
Mount Vernon	First	5,100	765	383	128	1,275
Nabb	Nabb					0
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship					0

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New Albany	Mount Tabor					0
New Albany	St. John United		1,500	200	300	2,000
New Washington	Trinity United					0
Newburgh	Newburgh					0
North Vernon	Graham					0
Paoli	First					0
Patoka	Patoka					0
Patoka	Union Bethel					0
Petersburg	Main Street	2,000	1,200	600	200	2,000
Princeton	Fairview					0
Princeton	First					0
Princeton	United		375	585	83	1,043
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	United					0
Scottsburg	First	4,650	1,744	97	97	1,938
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Bethany					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		4,167	3,250	917	8,333
Terre Haute	Unity					0
Vernon	Vernon	500				0
Vevay	Caledonia					0
Vincennes	Bethany					0
Vincennes	Indiana					0
Vincennes	Royal Oak					0
Vincennes	Southside					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster		1,728	864	288	2,880
		<u>78,395</u>	<u>37,982</u>	<u>17,968</u>	<u>5,341</u>	<u>61,292</u>

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

The Council conducted an electronic vote May 24, 2017, and took the following action:

Received and approved a request from the Permanent Judicial Commission that the Nominating Committee bring for assembly election on June 15, 2017, the nomination of two additional persons for service on the Permanent Judicial Commission.

The Council met by videoconference May 30, 2017, and took the following actions:

Received reports of Presbytery officers, staff, and committee leadership.

Pending Approval

Approved the recommendation of the Congregational Mission and Vitality Committee to make a grant from the Monroe City Funds in the amount of \$5,000 to the Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship for “On the Road Again,” a back-to-school event sponsored by its clothing mission.

Consulted with the Nominating Committee concerning nominations to the 223rd General Assembly.

Upcoming Installations:

- June 24 @1pm Central: Andrew Clark as pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mt Vernon
- June 25 @ 4pm Eastern: Je Lee as pastor of the Lawrence County Parish at the Mitchell Presbyterian Church
- July 29 @ 1pm Eastern: Phillip Dennis as pastor of Corydon Presbyterian Church

Remaining 2017 Council Meetings:

- Tuesday, August 22 in Bloomington
- Thursday, November 9 in Mitchell

Remaining 2017 Assemblies:

- Saturday, September 9 at Pyoca
- Thursday, November 30 in Mitchell

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Committee on Ministry Report

The Rev. Kevin Fleming, Moderator

Summary of COM actions, November 9, 2016, through May 16, 2017.

FOR INFORMATION

At the **January 26, 2017, meeting**, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Examined the Rev. Andrew Clark to serve the First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon. Granted conditional approval of goodness of fit.
2. Approved the MIF for First Presbyterian Church of Sullivan.
3. Approved contracts previously approved electronically:

A. **Graham Presbyterian Church of North Vernon** and the **Rev. Michael Bean** serving as Stated Supply.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/17 to 12/31/17	10 hrs/wk	\$10,848	\$4,500	Vch.IRS rate—est. \$1,225/yr	n/a	n/a	n/a	Yes

\$3,600 self-contribution to 403b by Michael Bean

Pending Approval

B. Vernon Presbyterian Church of Vernon and the Rev. Michael Bean serving as Stated Supply.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/17 to 12/31/17	10 hrs/wk	\$5,752	\$2,500	Vch.IRS rate	n/a	n/a	\$400	Yes

C. Laconia United Presbyterian Church of Laconia and Elder Sharon Kutz-Mellem serving as Ruling Elder Commissioned to Pastoral Service.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/17 to 12/31/17	10 hrs/wk	\$0	\$9,600	Vch.IRS rate	3 weeks incl. 3 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$150	n/a

D. Valley City Presbyterian Church of Central and Elder Sharon Kutz-Mellem serving as Ruling Elder Commissioned to Pastoral Service.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
1/1/17 to 12/31/17	10-12 hrs/wk	\$0	\$8,700	Vch.IRS rate	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$110	n/a

E. First Presbyterian Church of Fort Branch and the Rev. Corey Atkins, serving as Ecumenical Supply.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	20hrs/wk	\$28,830.16	\$4,000	Vch.IRS rate—est. \$1,300/yr	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$600	n/a

F. First Presbyterian Church of Bedford and the Rev. Dr. Daniel Watson serving as Transitional Pastor.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/01/16 to 02/28/17	20hrs/wk	\$8,450	3,500	Vch.IRS rate	1 week incl. 1 Sunday	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	\$200	Yes

G. First Presbyterian Church of Bedford and the Rev. Dr. Daniel Watson serving as Transitional Pastor.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
03/01/17 to 04/16/17	20hrs/wk	\$1,408	\$583	Vch.IRS rate	n/a	n/a	\$33	Yes

Pending Approval

H. **Mitchell Presbyterian Church of Mitchell** and the **Rev. Dr. Daniel Watson** serving as Transitional Pastor.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/01/16 to 02/28/17	20hrs/wk	\$8,450	3,500	Vch.IRS rate	1 week incl. 1 Sunday	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	\$200	Yes

I. **Mitchell Presbyterian Church of Mitchell** and the **Rev. Dr. Daniel Watson** serving as Transitional Pastor.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
03/01/17 to 04/16/17	20hrs/wk	\$1,408	\$583	Vch.IRS rate	n/a	n/a	\$33	Yes

4. Approved the following contracts:

A. **Bethany Presbyterian Church of Spencer** and **Elder Richard Poff** serving as Ruling Elder Commissioned to Pastoral Service.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	10hrs/wk	\$8,924.76	\$0	Vch.IRS rate	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$0	No

5. By e-vote, approved First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon Ruling Elders Walt Brunton and Bill Henderson to be authorized to celebrate communion on Christmas Eve, and session moderator Wendy McCormick will provide the necessary training.

At the **May 16, 2017, meeting**, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved contracts previously approved electronically:

A. **Fairlawn Presbyterian Church of Columbus** and the **Rev. Lee Dorsey** serving as Transitional Pastor.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
02/27/2017 to 02/26/2018	40hrs/wk	\$35,690	\$11,640	Vch.IRS rate—est. \$800/yr	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	5 weeks incl. 5 Sundays	\$1,200*	Yes

*includes vouchered professional development expenses

B. **First Avenue Presbyterian Church of Evansville** and the **Rev. Gene Feagan** serving as Ecumenical Supply.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	16hrs/wk	\$365 weekly	\$0	Vch.IRS rate	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$200	No

Pending Approval

C. First Presbyterian Church of Paoli and the Rev. Robert Turner serving as Stated Supply.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
04/16/2017 to 04/15/2018	15hrs/wk	\$0	\$17,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$500	No

D. Livonia Presbyterian Church of Livonia and the Rev. Dr. Donald Stokes serving as Stated Supply.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	20hrs/wk	\$19,800	\$0	Vch.IRS rate—est. \$6,500/yr	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$0	No

E. Westminster Presbyterian Church of Washington and the Rev. Cheryl Thorne serving as Stated Supply.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2017 to 12/31/2017	40hrs/wk	\$26,000	\$13,000	Vch.IRS rate—est. \$1,500/yr	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	Yes

F. First Presbyterian Church of Seymour and the Rev. Daniel Watson serving as Transitional Pastor.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
05/01/2017 to 04/30/2018	40hrs/wk	\$55,000	TBD – part of eff. salary	Vch.IRS rate—est. \$1,000/yr	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,000	Yes

Moving expenses with prior approval for expected expenses

G. Community Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth and Elder Mick Finch serving as Ruling Elder Commissioned to Pastoral Service.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
06/01/2017 to 05/31/2018	20hrs/wk	\$0	\$17,255	Vch.IRS rate	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,700	No

Book allowance - \$250, funeral services - \$150

H. First Presbyterian Church of Sullivan and the Rev. Cheryl Montgomery serving as Transitional Pastor.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
06/08/2017 to 06/07/2018	40hrs/wk	\$35,000	\$10,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	Yes

Moving expenses – up to \$5000, medical coverage PC(USA), death & disability benefits

2. Dismissed **Scott Hill** to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Pending Approval

Other actions taken electronically since the January 26th meeting:

1. By e-vote, approved the MIF for **First Presbyterian Church of Scottsburg.**
2. By e-vote, approved the MIF for **Fairlawn Presbyterian Church of Columbus.**
3. Actions taken regarding **Phillip Dennis and Corydon Presbyterian Church.**
 - a. Approved goodness of fit
 - b. Authorized the session of Corydon Presbyterian Church to call a congregational meeting to call him as pastor
 - c. Approved establishing the pastoral relationship and receiving him as a member of the presbytery, if the way be clear
4. Actions taken regarding **Je Lee and First Presbyterian Church, Bedford**
 - a. Approved goodness of fit
 - b. Authorized the session of First Presbyterian Church, Bedford to call a congregational meeting to call him as pastor
 - c. Approved establishing the pastoral relationship and receiving him as a member of the presbytery, if the way be clear by the action of the congregation and the examination for ordination on the floor of presbytery.
5. Actions taken regarding **Je Lee and Mitchell Presbyterian Church**
 - a. Approved goodness of fit
 - b. Authorized the session of Mitchell Presbyterian Church to call a congregational meeting to call him as pastor
 - c. Approved establishing the pastoral relationship and receiving him as a member of the presbytery, if the way be clear by the action of the congregation and the examination for ordination on the floor of presbytery.

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Report of the Congregational Mission and Vitality Committee

The Rev. Andy Kort, Moderator

Felipe Martinez, Owen Johnson, Jo Lucas, and Janet Lowery reported on the Bethlehem Partnership trip. They each shared a segment of the trip, from meeting with Dr. Elias Chacour to visiting a shopping area selling products from a Women's Cooperative to visiting the Dar al-Kalima University to "sightseeing" in areas where they were escorted and allowed. Overall, it was said that the trip "allowed us to see things differently." They were grateful to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for the travel, scholarships and daily prayers that made the trip possible.

Evangelism & Congregational Witness Committee Report

The Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy, Moderator

The Evangelism and Congregational Witness Committee met via Zoom on April 25. We are excited to be supporting Transparent Church, a new worshipping community within the presbytery, led by Rev. Larry Jackman. This community is up and running, and we encourage you to check it out at www.transparent.church.

Transparent Church holds a weekly lectionary group via video conference call and creates a space of creativity and learning for those leaders that are in isolated areas. The ECW committee has assigned a liaison to the new worshipping community to aid in communication and support.

Pending Approval

The committee has also been in contact with a Spanish speaking group interested in creating a new worshipping community. We plan to meet again soon to discuss other ways we can offer resources within the presbytery.

Rev. Nancy Waters, on behalf of the committee invited Rev. Larry Jackman to come forward and participate in the assembly's recognition of Transparent Church, a new worshipping community.

Nominating Committee Report

Elder Cheryl Moles, Moderator

For Presbytery action:

On behalf of the committee, Rev. Wes Kendall moved that the following people be elected to serve on the **Pyoca Advisory Council** Class of 2020:

Rev. Lawrence Jackman
Elder Alanna Charleton (Indiana, Vincennes)
Elder Rick Smith (First, Seymour)

Moderator Fortel asked for nominations from the floor, hearing none, the motion carried and the nominees were elected.

Rev. Kendall moved that the following people be elected to the Presbytery's **Permanent Judicial Commission** Class of 2022:

Rev. Cindy Cushman
Rev. Dennis Davenport

Moderator Fortel asked for nominations from the floor, hearing none, the motion carried and the nominees were elected.

For Presbytery information:

The Committee has been preparing for its work to nominate commissioners to the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), which will meet in St. Louis, Missouri, June 16-23, 2018. The Committee will use criteria for eligibility similar to those used for the 222nd G.A. For this cycle, we ask that those who *do not* wish to be considered to inform us by September 30, 2017. In addition, those who wish to receive special consideration are asked to inform us by the same date. The committee is still in conversation about how to make its nomination from among those eligible, and will consult with the Presbytery Council at its August meeting.

We invite comment from those in the presbytery concerning the nomination of General Assembly commissioners. Please comment in writing to committee moderator Cheryl Moles at cheryl@thcpc.org. The next meeting of the committee is June 27, 2017.

The Committee presented the following information for persons to be considered as GA commissioners (Updated 5.2017)

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TEACHING ELDERS

Positive Criteria:

- Member in Good Standing of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley
- Has been a member of the POV for at least two years
- Participation in the life of Presbytery, indicated by:
 - attendance at presbytery assemblies in the past two years (at least 5 of the 8)
 - service in/for the presbytery beyond attendance at assemblies, such as commission, committee, task force or team membership (as agreed upon by the nominating committee)

Negative Criteria:

- Has been a commissioner to GA (from any presbytery) in one of the last five assemblies

RULING ELDERS

Positive Criteria:

- Member in good standing of one's congregation
- Has been a member of a congregation in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for at least two years
- Participation in the life of Presbytery, indicated by:
 - attendance at presbytery assemblies in the past three years (either as a commissioner or an observer)
 - service in/for the presbytery beyond attendance at assemblies, such as commission, committee, task force or team membership (as agreed upon by the nominating committee)

Negative Criteria:

- Has been a commissioner to GA in one of the last five assemblies.
- Elders from a congregation in which another elder has been a Presbytery of Ohio Valley elected commissioner to one of the last three General Assemblies.

Other Criteria:

- Ordinarily, a pastor and an elder from the same congregation will not both serve as commissioners.

YOUNG ADULT ADVISORY DELEGATES

- Meets the age criteria set by the Office of the General Assembly
- Recommended by one's pastor and/or session
- Completes a nomination form and returns it to the presbytery office.

Additionally, the Committee invites self-referrals from those who wish to be considered for a presbytery committee or commission. A description of those entities may be found on our website: <http://presbyteryov.org>, under "Presbytery Design and Committee Structure."

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Greeting from Pyoca

The Rev. Dr. Jake Hofmeister

Jake spoke of the great year Camp was having. Two church-sponsored camps had been completed and the full 4 weeks of Pyoca camp programming was beginning. He was excited about the higher registration numbers this year. They are currently filling up all of the fall retreat schedules. Jake specifically mentioned the 3rd annual High School Conference weekend. Jake also mentioned the excitement being able to use the 2 new yurt facilities.

Speak Out Session

Some of the items mentioned were:

A Reformation Study Tour in September with Larry Langer and Martha FrizLanger

The new Dale Spanish Church which began on Mother's Day in the Dale Presbyterian Church. It is the first all-Spanish church in the Presbytery.

The Hanover Church had a great time at fall break at Pyoca – invited others to come to up the numbers.

The Synod of Lincoln Trails invited all to participate in a “Sankofa pilgrimage” through Illinois and Indiana August 16-20 from Chicago to southern Indiana and Illinois, as an “intentional cross-cultural prayer journey that seeks to move followers of Christ toward God’s vision for social justice.” Scholarships from synod are available.

Mick Finch shared he is now a coach for Natural Church Development.

POV Academy

Elder Trudy Vanderbeck, Moderator

Presbytery of Ohio Valley Overview for the Certification Process Ruling Elders Commissioned to Pastoral Service

Only ordained PC (USA) ruling elders are eligible to be commissioned to particular pastoral service in our presbytery. The term **certification** means that the elder has completed all of the requirements and has been authorized by the POV Academy Committee for possible commissioning in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. It does **not** mean that any openings exist at the present time or that the elder is guaranteed to find a position even if there are openings. Finding a position is the responsibility of the certified elder, not the presbytery. The process includes the following elements:

Education. The student will satisfactorily complete coursework in the following areas: Biblical Interpretation, Reformed Theology and Church History, The Christian Life, Mission and Evangelism, Worship and Sacraments, Teaching the Bible, Polity and Administration, Pastoral Care, and Preaching the Bible. The committee’s preferred educational program is offered online by Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and can be found by visiting <https://www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute/pathways-learning-leadership-2/>. A brief description

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of each course, including the dates the courses are offered, is attached. Courses are online, and the cost is \$100 per course. Students are encouraged to register promptly for these courses. Alternatives to the Union Seminary program will require the approval of the POV Academy Committee.

Cohort Meetings and Spiritual Life Retreat. Students will participate in occasional cohort meetings and a spiritual life retreat, The time and place of these meetings will be announced at a later time.

Portfolio. The student will compile a portfolio consisting of the following items collected in separate folders for each of the courses: a. Course summary page, b. Reading list, c. Any written assignments that were submitted, and d. A reflection paper following the completion of the course, using guidelines provided by the committee.

Application. At the time determined by the POV Academy Committee (POVAC), the elder will complete the POV Certification Application Form and submit it, along with the portfolio to date, to the POVAC. This application includes an endorsement by the student's session. Note: only students who have been ordained as Ruling Elders may apply.

Psychological and Vocational Evaluation and Background Check. The POVAC will arrange a psychological and vocational evaluation for the elder at the elder's expense. The elder's Session is encouraged to help with this expense. Background checks at POV expense will also be completed.

Initial Interview. After the results of the psychological and vocational evaluations and the application have been received, the POVAC will arrange an interview with the elder to discuss his/her application, portfolio including statement of faith, and evaluation results.

Final Interview. After the portfolio has been completed, the POVAC will invite the elder to the final interview to determine whether or not to certify that person ready to seek a call as a Ruling Elder Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service. In preparation for this interview, the elder will be asked to respond in advance to a number of questions in writing. The elder will be notified in writing of the committee's decision within 1 week after the next regularly scheduled committee meeting.

Questions about the process? Please contact the presbytery office, and we will forward your questions to the appropriate person.

Union Presbyterian Seminary: Pathways Courses for Ruling Elders

Phase I – online portion is on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m.

- **Biblical Interpretation** – This course is designed to address the calling of Christian ministers to interpret biblical texts, this course features a historical overview of how the Church has approached this calling, and offers a structure for a close reading and peer discussion of a practical guide to biblical exegesis.

September 12 – October 10, 2017

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Instructor: **Dr. Carson Brisson**

- **Reformed Theology and Church History** - This course is designed to provide participants with knowledge of and an appreciation for the theological tradition that is foundational for the Presbyterian Church (USA), its historical contexts, and its contemporary significance for the life of the church.

October 24 – November 21, 2017

Instructor: **Dr. Adrian Bird**

- **The Christian Life** - This course is designed to provide participants with knowledge of Protestant perspectives on the Christian life. Participants will explore biblical and theological foundations that shape understanding of the Christian life. Reflection on focused experiences of spiritual practices will engage participants in critical analysis of their own spiritual life and nurture opportunities for congregational ministry and leadership. Focused reading and writing, on-line discussion and class lectures will provide students with a basic understanding of vital components of Christian life.

February 20 – March 20, 2018

Instructor: **Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito**

- **Mission and Evangelism** - In this course students will be challenged to articulate their own understanding of the gospel while exploring innovative ways of being a missional church in our rapidly changing world.

April 10 – May 8, 2018

Instructor: **Dr. John Vest**

Phase II – online portion is on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.

- **Worship and Sacraments** - Worship is the central act of the people of God and the community of faith. The sacraments provide a tangible witness to God's ongoing grace and presence in the world and in our lives. Together they enrich and enliven the life of faith for all God's people. We will explore the meaning and practice of Worship, Baptism and Communion as means and experiences of grace and commission.

September 7 – October 5, 2017

Instructor: **Dr. Rebecca Davis**

- **Teaching the Bible** (description will be added soon)

October 19 – November 16, 2017

Instructor: **Dr. Cindy Kissel-Ito**

- **Polity and Administration** - This course will engage the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Book of Order, its underpinnings, and its implications for mission and ministry. As part of the course, we will review administrative tasks which grow out of the Book of Order (i.e., Session meetings, committee meetings, stewardship season, personnel matters and policies, financial matters, presbytery meetings, annual statistical reports).

January 11 – February 8, 2018

Instructor: **Rev. H. Carson Rhyne**

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- **Pastoral Care** - What makes pastoral care distinctive? What are some biblical metaphors that describe pastoral care? In this Pathways course we will focus on being present and listening for the needs of the other. The required text will be Giving Counsel by Donald Capps.
February 22 – March 22, 2018
Instructor: **Dr. Carol Schweitzer**
- **Preaching the Bible** - In Preaching the Bible, students will consider the “why” of preaching and learn the “how” of basic elements of sermon preparation and delivery. Students will put this learning into practice by developing, delivering, and receiving feedback on a sermon preached in their context.
April 12 – May 10, 2018
Instructor: **Dr. Richard Voelz**

Electives – online portion for the Confronting Racism course is on Tuesdays from 7-9 p.m. and the Parables course is on Thursdays from 7-9 p.m.

- **Confronting Racism in the Congregation** (description will be added soon)
January 9 – February 6, 2018
Instructor: **Dr. Rodney Sadler**
- **Parables of Jesus** - One of the signature features of Jesus’s teaching was his use of parables to communicate his message. What is a parable? What are the distinctive themes in Jesus’s parables? How does each Gospel focus central themes in its narrative about Jesus through his telling of parables? What do the parables have to say to twenty-first-century listeners? How does Jesus present parables in a way that leaves decision and action in the hands of those who hear? This five-week course on the Parables of Jesus will explore questions such as these, and in so doing invite participants to deepen their understanding of the Gospels, and to gain fresh insight into the mission and message of Jesus—for both first and twenty-first centuries.
May 24 – June 21, 2018
Instructor: **Dr. John Carroll**

2017 PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

By the tenth of the month preceding the month for your church (i.e., by January 10 for churches listed for February), please send a paragraph or two telling a little about your church or organization – size and activities, location and neighborhood, special programs, history, and anything else that would help others in the presbytery get a better sense of who and where you are. Also send us any joys you’d like to share or prayer requests for your church activities or programs. Email your information to bbsnyder22@gmail.com or mail to Barbara Snyder at 1820 Wheeler Road, Vincennes, in 47591. Please call 812-886-0272 for more information. The Presbytery of Ohio Valley encourages all our congregations to pray for each other throughout the year. Sharing prayers with each other works!

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June 18	Salem
June 25	Churches Searching for Pastoral Leadership
July 2	Synod of Lincoln Trails
July 9	United, Scipio
July 16	First, Scottsburg
July 23	First, Seymour
July 30	Bethany, Spencer
August 6	Spencer
August 13	First, Sullivan
August 20	Central, Terre Haute
August 27	Unity, Terre Haute
September 3	POV Staff
September 10	Vernon
September 17	Caledonia, Vevay
September 24	Bethany, Vincennes

October 1	Trinity Parish – United, Clinton
October 8	Trinity Parish – First, Montezuma
October 15	Trinity Parish – Memorial, Rockville
October 22	Royal Oak, Vincennes
October 29	South Side, Vincennes
November 5	Indiana, Vincennes
November 12	Upper Indiana, Vincennes
November 19	Westminster, Washington
November 26	POV Assembly Commissioners
December 3	Agencies of the PC(USA)
December 10	New Church Development
December 17	Peace on Earth
December 24	Bethlehem International Center
December 31	POV Candidates and Inquirers

Report of the Executive Presbyter

The Rev. Susan McGhee

Susan shared that she had been in Duck, North Carolina, at a family gathering and enjoyed the family of 13 around the table. She was glad to return to continue the work of getting ready for this assembly, her “family” of several hundred.

She expressed appreciation for those who have worked on the presentation today around race, stories of race, and racism. She suggested that these conversations are simple enough to have in local congregations. A study guide is being included in today’s workshop.

She reported on her study leave time on Baja and her praying the prayer requests that she had received from many.

Lunch

The Assembly gathered in Fellowship Hall for lunch and conversation.

Conversations about Race

After lunch the Assembly, gathered for Race conversations about race and systemic racism. Rev. Tricia Lloyd-Sidle introduced the subject and the format for the conversations.

Moderator Fortel closed the Conversation time with prayer.

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Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Assembly moved to a time of celebrating the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. Rev. Vanlal Hruaia and Rev. Susan McGhee were the celebrants.

Adjournment with Closing Litany

Moderator Fortel entertained a motion for adjournment, and with a closing prayer and the singing of "We are One in the Spirit" the Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley was adjourned at 3:10 pm.

The next meeting of the Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley will be at Camp Pyoca on Saturday, September 9, 2017, with registration beginning at 9:00 am and the Assembly beginning at 10:00 am, EDT.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. David Crittenden, Stated Clerk
Rev. Larry Langer, Recording Clerk