

**The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
UNAPPROVED Minutes of the September 8, 2018 Stated Meeting
Pyoca Camp, Conference, and Retreat Center – Brownstown, Indiana
Elder Barbara Ferguson, Moderator
The Rev. David Crittenden, Stated Clerk**

Call to Order

The Moderator, Elder Barbara Ferguson, called the Assembly of Ohio Valley to order and worship at 10:00 AM with prayer.

Opening Worship and Proclamation of the Word

The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson II, Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian Church (USA), was the preacher of the day. Rev. Nelson was seated as a corresponding member from National Capital Presbytery. His text was Hebrews 12:1-3, with the theme, “Let us fix our eyes on Jesus”. Also participating in the worship were Revs. Catherine Knott, liturgist and Tim Jessen, pianist.

Greetings from the Host: Mr. Mike Davis

Mike Davis, Senior Director of Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center welcomed the Assembly and shared plans for an upcoming Confirmation Retreat and another Youth Retreat.

Introductory Business

Determination of Quorum

The Stated Clerk declared a quorum present, as indicated by the roles:

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
Bean, Michael
Black, Andrew
Black, Dawn
Brand, Cal
Buchanan, Kevin

(E)
(P)
(E)
(A)
(E)
(A)
(A)
(P)
(P)
(P)
(P)
(P)

Church

Honorably Retired
Bloomington, First
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Member-at-Large
North Vernon, Graham/Vernon
Terre Haute, Unity
Bloomfield, First
Honorably Retired
Terre Haute, Central

Ministers

Clark, Andrew (P)
Colwell, Allen (P)
Cramer, James (E)
Crittenden, David (P)
Cushman, Cindy (P)
Davenport, Dennis (A)
Davies, Peter (P)
Dennis, Phillip (P)
Dorsey, Lee (E)
Elliott, Hana (E)
Erickson, Eric (P)
Erickson, John (A)
Erickson, Norie (E)
Finley, E. Dean (E)
Finnan, Alan (A)
Fleming, Kevin (P)
Flucke, Aaron (P)
Fortel, Deborah (E)
Fox, Kathleen (E)
FrizLanger, Martha (P)
Frost, Randall (E)
Gladney, Eugene (E)
Gutridge, Stephen (P)
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)
Jensen, Mary (A)
Jessen, Timothy (P)
Keeney, William (E)
Kendall, Wes (A)
Kim-Kort, Mihee (A)
King, Rick (P)
Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth (P)
Knight, Jo Ann (E)
Knott, Catherine (P)

Church

Mount Vernon, First
New Albany, St John United
Honorably Retired
Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Southern Hills Parish
Evansville, Eastminster
Member-at-Large
Corydon, Corydon
Member-at-Large
Scipio, United/Grammer
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Evansville, First
Lexington, Lexington
Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Honorably Retired
Dale, Dale
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Newburgh, Newburgh
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Petersburg, Main Street
Madison, Madison
Princeton, First/United
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Bloomington, IU Health Bloomington Hospice
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Greencastle, Greencastle
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Columbus, Fairlawn
Member-at-Large
Hanover, Hanover College

Ministers

Kort, Andy (E)
Langer, Larry (P)
Lasher, Martha (A)
Lee, David (E)
Lee, Je (P)
Lee, Sang Tae (A)
Lorimer, Robert (P)
Martinez, Felipe (P)
McCormick, Wendy (P)
McDaniel, Mark (E)
McDonald Smith, Karen (P)
McGhee, Susan (P)
McGlasson, Paul (E)
McKenney, Sarah (P)
McKune, John (E)
Montgomery, Cheryl (A)
Moore, Gregory (E)
Napoli, John (E)
O'Neill, Shane (E)
Owens, William (A)
Park, Jaeseok (E)
Paul-Bonham, Scott (E)
Pekich-Bundy, Katrina (P)
Peters, Linda (E)
Poole-Adams, Vicki (A)
Porter, Mark (E)
Pye, Charlie (E)
Ramirez-Spears, Amy (E)
Recob, Tami (E)
Robinson, Mark (E)
Roseland, Chris (A)
Rosen, David (E)
Rumsey, William (E)
Samsell, Sharon (A)
Scroggins, Gary (A)
Seay, Scott (P)
Smith, Alexa (E)
Stokes, Donald (A)
Stuart, Irene (E)
Summerfield, Don (P)
Taylor, Veltri (A)

Church

Bloomington, First
Vincennes, Indiana
Indiana National Guard
Spencer, Spencer
Presbyterian Parish of Lawrence County
Bloomington, Korean
Honorably Retired
Columbus, First
Evansville, Center for Congregations Southwest
Member-at-Large
New Albany, Mount Tabor
Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Member-at-Large
Bloomington, Stone Belt
Honorably Retired
Sullivan, First
Member-at-Large
Bloomington, United
Honorably Retired
Jeffersonville, First
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Hanover, Hanover
Honorably Retired
Laconia, United/Central, Valley City
Honorably Retired
Clarksville, Grace
Member-at-Large
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
Honorably Retired
GA/Mission Council
Honorably Retired
Honorably Retired
Terre Haute, Indiana State University
Brazil, First
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
Member-at-Large
Livonia, Livonia United
Honorably Retired
Scottsburg, First
Evansville, Asera Care Hospice

Ministers

Thorne, Cheryl	(P)
Tracy, Doug	(E)
Turner, Bob	(E)
VanderZee, John	(P)
VanderZee, Wendy	(P)
Walden-Fisher, Beth	(A)
Walters, Ralph	(E)
Waters, Nancy	(P)
Watson, Daniel	(P)
White, Robert	(E)
Williams, Sharon	(A)

Church

Washington, Westminster
Honorably Retired
Paoli, First
Martinsville, First
Bloomington, IU Health Bloomington Hospice
Member-at-Large
Honorably Retired
Jeffersonville, First
Seymour, First
Honorably Retired
Member-at-Large

Ministers,

Other Denomination

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

Church

Fort Branch, First
Roachdale, Roachdale
Evansville, First Avenue
Salem, Salem
Cayuga, Cayuga
Patoka, Patoka
Evansville, Immanuel

Commissioned

Ruling Elders

Doll, Larry	(A)
Finch, Mick	(P)
Poff, Dick	(A)
Snyder, Barbara	(A)
Turner, John	(A)

Church

Vincennes, South Side
Leavenworth, Community
Spencer, Bethany
Farmersburg, First

Church

Bedford, First
Bloomfield, First
Bloomington, First
Bloomington, United
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
Brazil, First
Brownstown, First
Cayuga, Cayuga
Central, Valley City
Charlestown, Community

Commissioner

Mary Hardesty	(P)
David Holt	(E)
Karen Hahn	(P)
Bob Hammel	(A)
Peggy Collins	(A)
Vanita Moore	(A)
Mary Londot	(P)
Commissioner	(A)
Brenda Bliss	(A)
Pat Pangburn	(A)

Church

Clarksville, Grace
Clinton, United
Columbus, Fairlawn
Columbus, First
Corydon, Corydon
Dale, Dale
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant
Evansville, Eastminster
Evansville, First
Evansville, First Avenue
Evansville, Immanuel
Evansville, Parke Memorial
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

Commissioner

John Trueblood (A)
Jack Fenoglio (P)
David Doup (P)
Vern Jorck (P)
Charles Eckart (P)
Ellen Rexing (P)
Richard Goodwin (P)
Melissa Mattingly (A)
Michael Thissen (A)
Ed Marlin (A)
Bea Clem (A)
Commissioner (A)
John Wood (A)
Commissioner (A)
Jacque Denny (A)
Andy Lorimer (A)
Janet Lowry (P)
Janet Mullins (P)
Marianna Dietrich (P)
Doyle Criswell (P)
Paula Hensley (A)
Judy Beckort (A)
John Stutzman (A)
George Hill (A)
Vicki Green (A)
Commissioner (A)
Jennifer Saroka (A)
Carol Bell (P)
Mike Stiver (P)
Janet Phillips (A)
Ann Stanley (A)
Bill Henderson (P)
Roberta Bastian (P)
Jane Gore (P)

Rikke Hopper (P)
Robert Barstead (P)
Ruby Taflinger (P)
James Gulick (A)
Steve Graham (A)
Joe Kimmel (P)

Church

Patoka, Patoka
 Patoka, Union Bethel
 Petersburg, Main Street
 Princeton, Fairview
 Princeton, First
 Princeton, United
 Roachdale, Roachdale
 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

Jo Ellen Bingham (A)
 Gerald Bane (A)
 Charles Gray (P)
 Commissioner (A)
 Troy Davidson (P)
 John Hynemann (A)
 John Boruff (A)
 Carolyn Davis (A)
 Norma Eisert (P)
 Bill Gerhard (P)
 Cheryl Davenport (P)
 George Ernest (P)
 Robert Pedro (A)
 Carol Miller (P)
 Jim Exline (A)
 Alan Harder (P)
 Jayne Williams (A)
 Beth Gosman (P)
 Caren Griffith (A)
 Donald Opell (A)
 Alanna Charlton (P)
 Commissioner (A)
 Allison Doll (A)
 Bob Slayton (A)
 John Vanderbeck (P)

Elder Members

By Reason of Office

Brown, Jean (P)
 Ellison, Zack (P)
 Ferguson, Barbara (P)
 Folz, Fred (A)
 Goodwell, Karen (A)
 Holt, Alicia (A)
 Moles, Cheryl (A)
 Vanderbeck, Trudy (P)

Corresponding

Members

J. Herbert Nelson II National Capital Presbytery

Visitors

Heather Thiessen	Corydon, Corydon	Sue Lorimer	Bloomington, United
Trina Brown	Salem, Salem	Mary McClellan	Bloomington, First
Beth Snyder	Jefferson, First	Susie Russell	Martinsville, First
Courtney Bowen	Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant	Bill Boyle	Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
Jan Finch	Leavenworth, Community		

Introductions of New Members, Guests

The Moderator asked for the introduction of any new pastors, ruling elders, and guests.

Consent Agenda

The following Consent Agenda was approved:

Minutes of May 19, 2018

Docket for September 8, 2018

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Docket for Assembly: September 8, 2018
Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center – Brownstown, Indiana
Elder Barbara Ferguson, Moderator
The Rev. David Crittenden, Stated Clerk

Call to Order

Opening Worship and Proclamation of the Word: The Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson,
Preaching

Welcome and Greetings from the Host: Mr. Mike Davis

Introductory Business

Determination of Quorum

Introductions of New Members, Guests

Seating of Corresponding Members

Consent Agenda

Minutes of May 19, 2018, Docket, Clerk's Report, Treasurer's
Report

Report of the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Katrina Pekich-Bundy and Joe Kimmel

Report of the Committee on Ministry (Order of the Day for 11:45am)

Examination of Courtney Bowen for ordination to the ministry of the
Word and Sacrament

Minimum Salaries Recommendation for 2019

Lunch (Order of the Day for 12:15pm)

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Presentation of Heather Thiessen's admission to the status of Candidate

Report of the Congregational Mission and Vitality Committee

Minute for Mission: Peace and Global Witness Offering

Report of Council

Assembly Dates for 2019

Per Capita for 2019
Speak Out Session
Report of the Executive Presbyter
New Business
Prayers of the Presbytery
Celebration of the Lord's Supper
Adjournment

Stated Clerk's Report

The Rev. David Crittenden

1. The Presbytery Council affirmed the July 25 e-vote that approved A Procedure for the Congregations of First Presbyterian Church, Princeton, Indiana and United Presbyterian Church, Princeton, Indiana to Become ONE Church. The text of the procedure and background information are part of the Minutes of the August 23, 2018 Presbytery Council Meeting.
2. The Clerk reported to the Presbytery Council that the Presbytery will consider and vote on the Overtures from the 223rd General Assembly at our Stated Meeting in March 2019.
3. The Presbytery Council approved the Clerk's Recommendation: That the 2018 Session minutes be read at regional face to face meetings of Clerks of Session.

Rationale: Minutes have been read by the clerks that prepared them for the last several years. A face to face meeting would be helpful for sharing best practices and fellowship.

4. The Presbytery Council approved the Clerk's Recommendation that the Nominating Committee assume the role of the Committee on Representation and that the Council determine which categories should be tracked as they seek to make our leadership as inclusive as possible.

Rationale: The Nominating Committee has the major responsibility for choosing candidates for election and is in the best position to carry out the presbytery's desire for representation and inclusion.

Treasurer's Report

Elder Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1 through July 31, 2018

	Jan - July 2018	Annual
	Actual	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>		
Per Capita	\$ 151,068	\$ 207,144
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	45,786	100,000
Contributions	1,903	7,000
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	16,800	33,600
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	27,920	55,839
Miscellaneous Income	-	
	<hr/> 243,476	403,583
<u>Expense</u>		
Staff Expense	129,727	234,031
Ecclesiastical Expense	37,207	72,414
Meeting Expense	4,101	11,000
Administration & Office Expense	21,715	38,000
Program Expense	16,527	41,250
Total Expense	<hr/> 209,277	396,695
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 34,199	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 6,888

Fund Balances

As of July 31, 2018

Church Legacy Funds	598,417
Monroe City Fund	272,392
Brown Trust	161,197
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	19,685
Undesignated Net Assets	718,561
	<hr/> <hr/> \$ 1,770,252

If you would like a detailed statement or any other additional information, please contact Jean Brown at (866) 344-7853 or at jean@presbyteryov.org

2018 Per Capita 36

		Members	2018 Per Capita	Received as of 8/16/2018	% Paid
Bedford	First	100	3,600.00	\$ 3,000.00	83.3%
Bloomfield	First	68	2,448.00	2,448.00	100.0%
Bloomington	First	394	14,184.00	14,184.00	100.0%
Bloomington	United	59	2,124.00	1,334.00	62.8%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	107	3,852.00		0.0%
Brazil	First	285	10,260.00	5,130.00	50.0%
Brownstown	Brownstown	31	1,116.00	1,116.00	100.0%
Canaan	Jefferson	12	432.00		0.0%
Cayuga	Cayuga	26	936.00	936.00	100.0%
Central	Valley City	25	900.00	900.00	100.0%
Charlestown	Community	33	1,188.00	1,188.00	100.0%
Clarksville	Grace	6	216.00	216.00	100.0%
Clinton	United	39	1,404.00	1,404.00	100.0%
Columbus	Fairlawn	116	4,176.00	3,132.00	75.0%
Columbus	First	407	14,652.00	14,652.00	100.0%
Corydon	Corydon	109	3,924.00	1,962.00	50.0%
Dale	Dale	51	1,836.00		0.0%
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant	38	1,368.00	1,368.00	100.0%
Evansville	Eastminster	324	11,664.00	4,800.00	41.2%
Evansville	First	293	10,548.00	10,548.00	100.0%
Evansville	First Avenue	31	1,116.00		0.0%
Evansville	Immanuel	33	1,188.00	794.00	66.8%
Evansville	Parke Memorial	26	936.00	252.00	26.9%
Evansville	Westminster	22	792.00		0.0%
Farmersburg	First	20	720.00	720.00	100.0%
Fort Branch	First	70	2,520.00	1,493.50	59.3%
Grammer	Grammer	12	432.00	432.00	100.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	109	3,924.00	1,962.00	50.0%
Hanover	Hanover	63	2,268.00	2,268.00	100.0%
Henryville	Community	39	1,404.00	1,404.00	100.0%
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	19	684.00	684.00	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	210	7,560.00	3,780.00	50.0%
Laconia	Rehoboth	52	1,872.00	1,872.00	100.0%
Laconia	United	14	504.00	504.00	100.0%
Leavenworth	Community	45	1,620.00		0.0%
Lexington	Lexington	50	1,800.00	1,800.00	100.0%
Livonia	United	54	1,944.00	1,944.00	100.0%
Madison	Madison	119	4,284.00	4,284.00	100.0%
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	8	288.00	278.00	96.5%
Martinsville	First	75	2,700.00	2,700.00	100.0%
Mitchell	Mitchell	64	2,304.00	2,304.00	100.0%
Montezuma	First	21	756.00	756.00	100.0%
Mount Vernon	First	65	2,340.00	2,340.00	100.0%
Nabb	Nabb	17	612.00	612.00	100.0%
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	33	1,188.00	1,188.00	100.0%
New Albany	Mount Tabor	93	3,348.00	3,348.00	100.0%

2018 Per Capita 36

		Members	2018 Per Capita	Received as of 8/16/2018	% Paid
New Albany	St. John United	168	6,048.00		0.0%
New Washington	Trinity United	30	1,080.00	724.00	67.0%
Newburgh	Newburgh	106	3,816.00	3,816.00	100.0%
North Vernon	Graham	15	540.00	540.00	100.0%
Paoli	First	36	1,296.00		0.0%
Patoka	Patoka	7	252.00	252.00	100.0%
Patoka	Union Bethel	12	432.00	432.00	100.0%
Petersburg	Main Street	62	2,232.00	2,232.00	100.0%
Princeton	Fairview	53	1,908.00	1,908.00	100.0%
Princeton	First	64	2,304.00	2,304.00	100.0%
Princeton	United	43	1,548.00	1,548.00	100.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	38	1,368.00	1,368.00	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	42	1,512.00	1,512.00	100.0%
Salem	Salem	77	2,772.00	2,772.00	100.0%
Scipio	United	57	2,052.00	2,052.00	100.0%
Scottsburg	First	49	1,764.00	1,764.00	100.0%
Seymour	First	137	4,932.00	4,932.00	100.0%
Spencer	Bethany	21	756.00	756.00	100.0%
Spencer	Spencer	77	2,772.00	924.00	33.3%
Sullivan	First	115	4,140.00	4,140.00	100.0%
Terre Haute	Central	263	9,468.00	9,468.00	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	88	3,168.00	3,168.00	100.0%
Vernon	Vernon	14	504.00	504.00	100.0%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	144.00		0.0%
Vincennes	Bethany	13	468.00	468.00	100.0%
Vincennes	Indiana	105	3,780.00	2,100.00	55.6%
Vincennes	Royal Oak	9	324.00	324.00	100.0%
Vincennes	Southside	11	396.00		0.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	90	3,240.00	3,200.00	98.8%
Washington	Westminster	61	2,196.00	1,098.00	50.0%
		5754	\$207,144.00	\$160,343.50	77.4%

Shared Mission 2018

		Pledged	Received as of August 16, 2018			
			GA	Synod	POV	Total
Bedford	First					0
Bloomfield	First	700	210	70	420	700
Bloomington	First				2,104	2,104
Bloomington	Korean					0
Bloomington	United					0
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	30				0
Brazil	First	1,500	225	75	450	750
Brownstown	Brownstown					0
Canaan	Jefferson					0
Cayuga	Cayuga					0

Shared Mission 2018

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		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Central	Valley City					0
Charlestown	Community					0
Clarksville	Grace					0
Clinton	United	750				0
Columbus	Fairlawn	3,150	709	236	1,418	2,363
Columbus	First		4,832	2,500	14,998	22,330
Corydon	Corydon		600	200	1,200	2,000
Dale	Dale	100				0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster		1,065	355	2,130	3,550
Evansville	First	15,000	3,000	1,000	6,000	10,000
Evansville	First Avenue					0
Evansville	Immanuel					0
Evansville	Parke Memorial					0
Evansville	Westminster					0
Farmersburg	First					0
Fort Branch	First					0
Grammer	Grammer	500	75	25	150	250
Greencastle	Greencastle					0
Hanover	Hanover	3,000	900	300	1,800	3,000
Henryville	Community				500	500
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jeffersonville	First	5,000	750	250	1,500	2,500
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	500	150	50	300	500
Mount Vernon	First		1,346	449	2,693	4,488
Nabb	Nabb	100	30	10	60	100
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	500				0
New Albany	Mount Tabor					0
New Albany	St. John United					0
New Washington	Trinity United					0
Newburgh	Newburgh					0
North Vernon	Graham					0
Paoli	First					0
Patoka	Patoka	193	58	19	116	193
Patoka	Union Bethel					0
Petersburg	Main Street	2,000				0
Princeton	Fairview					0

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		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Princeton	First					0
Princeton	United	3,000	810	330	750	1,890
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	United	1,172	521	174	1,041	1,735
Scottsburg	First	4,650	155	155	2,790	3,100
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Bethany					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		5,200	1,467	6,667	13,333
Terre Haute	Unity					0
Vernon	Vernon	500	195	55	250	500
Vevay	Caledonia					0
Vincennes	Bethany					0
Vincennes	Indiana					0
Vincennes	Royal Oak					0
Vincennes	Southside					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster	7,200	1,620	540	3,240	5,400
		<u>49,695</u>	<u>22,451</u>	<u>8,259</u>	<u>50,575</u>	<u>81,285</u>

Report of the 223rd General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

The Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy and Elder Joe Kimmel

Joe and Katrina presented a power point program regarding their experiences at GA. Joe was part of the Peace Committee. Katrina was on the Mid-Councils Committee.

Committee on Ministry Report

Elder Mary McClellan reported for the committee.

Summary of COM actions, April 18, 2018, through August 14, 2018.

FOR INFORMATION

At the **August 14, 2018, meeting**, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Contracts approved electronically since the last meeting:

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

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
06/01/2018 to 05/31/2019	20hrs/wk	N./A	\$17,340	Vch. IRS rate	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$600	No

b. **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
05/01/2018 to 04/30/2019	40hrs/wk	\$55,000	TBD*	Vch. IRS rate—est. \$1,000	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	Yes

*Part of effective salary

Moving expenses up to \$5,000

c. **First Presbyterian Church of Scottsburg and the Rev. Don Summerfield** serving as **Stated Supply.**

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
10/01/2017 to 09/30/2018	20hrs/wk	\$7,500	\$12,500	Vch. IRS rate	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	6 weeks incl. 6 Sundays	\$600	Yes

d. **Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship of Nashville and the Rev. Dr. Scott Seay** serving as **Stated Supply.**

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
05/15/2018 to 05/14/2019	20hrs/wk	\$24,170	N/A*	Fuel allowance - \$9600	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	No*

*Housing allowance and pension dues paid through Dr. Seay's full-time employment at Christian Theological Seminary

e. **Newburgh Presbyterian Church of Newburgh and the Rev. Stephen Gutridge** serving as **Transitional Pastor.**

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/17/2018 to 01/16/2019	40hrs/wk	\$21,452	\$10,301	Vch. IRS rate - \$750	2 Weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$500	Yes

2. Actions taken regarding Michael Riggins and Central Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute:
 - a. Approved goodness of fit, and the PNC's choice of Riggins as the nominee
 - b. Authorized the Session to call a congregational meeting to act on the PNC's nomination.
 - c. Approved establishing the pastoral relationship and receiving him as a member of the presbytery, if the way be clear

3. Actions taken regarding First Presbyterian Church, Seymour:
 - a. Approved First Presbyterian Church of Seymour to form a PNC, in consultation with a representative from the COM

4. Actions taken regarding Trinity Parish:
 - a. Approved Trinity Parish's MIF
5. Actions taken regarding Mike Chappell and Upper Indiana Presbyterian Church, Vincennes:
 - a. Approved a memorandum of understanding with the session of Upper Indiana Church to appoint Mike Chappell as Worship Leader
6. Actions taken regarding Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes:
 - a. Approved Bethany Presbyterian Church's request to train and authorize Elder Larry Lockhart to celebrate the Lord's Supper
7. Actions taken regarding Courtney Bowen (candidate for ministry) and Church of the Covenant Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth:
 - a. Approved goodness of fit, and the session's choice of Bowen as Stated Supply
 - b. Approved presenting her to the September 8 Assembly for examination
 - c. Approved establishing the stated supply pastoral relationship and receiving her as a member of the presbytery, if the way be clear
8. Actions taken regarding Cheri Harper:
 - a. Approved Cheri Harper's request to take a position at PC(USA) as Mission Associate for Presbyterian Women

FOR ACTION BY THE PRESBYTERY

1. The Committee presented Courtney Bowen for examination for ordination to the ministry of the Word and Sacrament.

Courtney is seeking ordination so she may answer the call to serve the Church of the Covenant, Elizabeth, IN, as Stated Supply. Following commissioners questions, the examination was arrested the Presbytery approved Courtney Bowen's ordination.

Faith Journey

I was raised in a non religious family and had very little exposure to church life during my childhood. That changed when I was thirteen. After my father left our family, my mom was distraught and decided we would be a church going family after all. We attended a large Baptist church, which emphasized the love and salvation of Christ. I don't remember ever hearing a message there that discussed how we should respond to that love and grace or how we are called to live our our lives of faith as Christians. I believe that message of God's love and grace was what my family most needed to hear during that difficult time. However, it did not help my faith grow past a very shallow type of theology.

When I was fourteen I visited a vacation Bible school with a friend, where the VBS leader told me I asked far too many questions and argued too much. She asked me to not come back until I had developed "blind faith." I responded that I had no use for blind faith, so I wouldn't be back anytime soon.

For my high school and college years, I stayed away from church and religion. I never stopped believing in God completely, but I didn't think of God as sovereign or very powerful, just a creative force. Then, in 2004, I married my husband Lane, who had been raised partly Methodist and partly Presbyterian. He convinced me to begin attending church and I agreed not for any spiritual reasons but because I simply wanted to belong to a community. Over the next few years, I slowly became a more active church member, attending Bible studies and church school class, and I began to see that the faith I had so casually joined held so much hope; that the limited God I had accepted before was not the transformative God I was now encountering.

I began to work with the church's Hunger Work Group and food pantry. I served meals at the First Light women's shelter in downtown Birmingham. I volunteered to teach my son's preschool class. And, I began to discern a call to ministry. My husband and son were excited and very supportive of that call. So, four years ago, we moved to Louisville so I could attend seminary.

Seminary was an amazing experience that challenged me both academically and theologically. My field education experiences as a student pastor at First Presbyterian, Jeffersonville was particularly formative and helped to develop my sense of pastoral identity and to discern the type of service to which God is calling me.

Also, over the last several years I have come to realize that I no longer have an issue with blind faith. I do have a problem with a faith that cannot withstand questions or examination. But a faith that trusts completely in God – that I know to be true.

Statement of Faith

I believe that God is sovereign, always present, and gratuitous in love for all of Creation. God is transcendent and infinite, yet in deeply personal relationship with creation - not just corporately but with individuals as well. God has been intimately involved in human history, in covenantal relationship, as testified to in the scriptures, which are the unique and authoritative witness to God's self revelation and love for the world, most fully revealed in Jesus Christ, who is our savior.

Because sin permeates humanity, both corporately and individually, we "fall short of the glory of God" (Romans 3:23). Sin is expressed in injustice and cruelty, divisions and animosity, in hurt and violence, etc. We alone cannot free ourselves, our communities, or social systems from sin. Nor can we earn justification on our own. However God, in love and mercy, does not reject us and does not wait for us to become better people, but instead, "God proves God's love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). God, in the person of Jesus Christ, through his dying and rising, saves us from sin and death and promises us new and eternal life.

In our covenantal life with God, we are called to respond faithfully to the saving acts of Christ through the Holy Spirit by living in ministry and service to others, reflecting the life and actions of Jesus that are revealed in the scriptures. Just as Jesus lived among sinners, the poor

and marginalized, those sick and stigmatized, we are called to do the same. We recognize that sin has corrupted not only our individual lives, but also human systems and institutions; and so, we strive to work for justice, peace and compassion, transforming our societies to more faithfully reflect the values and love shown by Christ. We are not strong enough to do this on our own, but rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, which is God within us and among us, transforming our hearts and minds so that we can live more faithful lives, looking beyond ourselves and our own desires to the needs and suffering of others.

Our work of compassionate ministry extends beyond humanity to all creation, as we strive to live as faithful stewards of the many blessings and resources we have received from God. This entails living in a manner that does not excessively and recklessly use up what has been entrusted to us, but instead, seeks to live wisely and in conservation of God’s many blessings. Through the Holy Spirit, we seek to live in a way that intentionally looks beyond our own self interests and reflects God’s wisdom, love and justice for all God’s good creation.

My most deeply held belief is that God offers hope to us - a hope that in the face of seemingly insurmountable injustice strives for peace; hope that in the midst of brokenness believes we may seek wholeness; hope that answers hate with love; hope that in the reality of death, offers life. Amen.

2. The Committee recommended a 2% increase in minimum compensation standards for salary and housing for 2019. The following compensation schedule was approved:

**PRESBYTERY OF OHIO VALLEY
2019 MINIMUM ANNUAL COMPENSATION STANDARDS**

<i>2019 Standards</i>	Without Manse: Cash Salary—including Housing Allocation¹	With Manse: Cash Salary & Manse Value at 30%²
Salary For Ordained Clergy	\$47,369	\$36,438 & \$10,931
Salary For CREs (75%)	\$35,527	\$27,328 & \$ 8,199

¹ Housing allowance must be determined in advance and the amount shown in the terms of call or other contract and recorded in the minutes of session or congregation.

²To calculate Cash Salary portion of a 30% Manse Value, divide Total Cash Salary including Manse amount (above example for ordained clergy being \$47,369) by 1.3 to get the Cash Salary portion.

Congregations are encouraged when possible to designate 7.65% of total effective salary as SECA offset.

PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES

The following amounts will be made available to the minister, for reimbursement of professional expenses through the presentation of vouchers.

- Vouchered Auto Mileage – Reimbursed at current IRS rate (Note: As of January 1, 2018, value is **54.5 cents/mi**)

- Continuing Education (cumulative over 3 years to sum of annual amounts): **\$1200** (ordained clergy and CREs); however it is strongly recommended that up to **\$2,000** be offered to cover 2 weeks of tuition, room and board, travel.

VACATION, LEAVE, HOLIDAYS Accruals per year

- Vacation **One month including 4 Sundays**
- Sick **10 days** (cumulative up to 120 days; lost at end of employment)
- Study Leave **Two weeks including 2 Sundays** (cumulative to 6 weeks over 3 years)
- Holidays **New Year’s Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and Two personal holidays**

BOARD OF PENSIONS (BOP) BENEFIT PLAN

Employing organizations will pay regularly in advance to the board responsible for benefits a sum equal to that requisite percent of effective salary (salary + housing or 30+% of salary, utilities, and any deferred compensation) which may be fixed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) including pension, medical coverage, and death and disability benefits. **The total BOP totals 37% for a full time pastor (\$17,527) or Commissioned Ruling Elder (\$13,145).** [Note: for part-time pastors of 20 hrs or more, BOP contributions will vary between 31.5% and 50%.] For pastors working over 20 hours per week, who are not members of the Board of Pensions, a comparable amount will be paid to their denomination’s plan or other mutually-agreed-upon retirement program.

OTHER MINIMUM COMPENSATION

- Occasional pulpit supply – for approved *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Ruling Elders, Seminary Students, & Ruling Elders:*
 - Congregations of 100 members or more **\$150 plus mileage**
 - Congregations under 100 members **\$100 plus mileage**
 - Additional Services on same day **\$ 40**
- Moderating a session or congregation by invitation: **\$ 75 plus mileage**
- Wedding: **\$150 plus mileage**
- Funeral **\$125 plus mileage**

Recognition of Ordination Anniversaries

The Rev. Susan McGhee recognized the Revs. Robert Lorimer, Cal Brand, and Eric Erickson on the occasion of their ordination anniversaries. Eric and Cal for 50 years and Robert for 55 years. Stated Clerk Rev. J. Herbert Nelson gave thanks for their ministries and service and returned thanks for the lunch and shared fellowship.

Lunch

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

The Rev. Katrina Pekich-Bundy, Moderator

The Committee presented Heather Thiessen who has been granted the status of Candidate for Minister of Word and Sacrament by the Committee. Ms. Thiessen's Statement of Faith follows:

A Faith Story in Five Verses.

Heather Thiessen

"For the LORD is good. His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endureth to all generations."

Psalm 100:5

The first thing I memorized in the Bible, except maybe for the Lord's prayer. I learned at church that the Bible is truth itself, and *in the Bible* it says all we have to do to be saved is accept Jesus Christ as our personal savior. It's like opening a present, you don't have to do anything. (It seems to 8 year old me that opening a present is *something*, but I'm excited to be born again and baptized.) The main point is that God loves us, and wants us to live and to be free. God is Good, Good Shepherd good, "God is Love" good.

"For I permit not a woman to teach or to have authority over a man; she is to keep silent." 1

Timothy 2:11

The last straw in a long-drawn-out quarrel with God that began even before college. The Bible is supposed to be true, and a good God would not write a Bible with this in it. I threw my lot in with Huck Finn ("Well, then, I'll go to hell"), walked out, slammed the door behind me, and stayed "away" for about 15 years. I still have a little bit of that attitude, but these days I try not to slam the door.

"Does not wisdom call, and understanding raise her voice? ... 'Whoever finds me finds life.'"

Proverbs 8:1, 35

I had been living with my then-partner (now spouse) for about 10 years, working (me) and going to medical school (her) in Chicago, completely secular except for studying Buddhism, and tripped over this figure that was *in the Bible*. I went out and bought an NRSV, and started going to church (Ascension, the neighborhood Catholic church) occasionally (Christmas Eve; Easter Vigil) and reading Henri Nouwen.

"Take hold of the life that really is life." (1 Timothy 6:19)

Moving to Corydon, Indiana and finding the Presbyterian Church was like coming home, to a place I'd never been. I was delighted that the Presbyterians let me be part of work crews, ecstatic when the lady I sat by in the rear pews every Sunday said "like us" to me ("I'm one of the 'us'!"). I went to Bible study, started singing in the choir ("with God all things are possible"), taught Sunday school, learned a lot of practical theology, went to seminary (justice is *in the Bible!*), served on committees and Session and two PNCs (the Holy Spirit does things; discernment demands honesty, and trust, and it works if we work it), made unimaginable friendships (people matter), worked as the director of the Women's Center at LPTS for some years (administration is a ministry), went to graduate school and taught religious studies (intellectuals need God, too; faith and reason are sisters), became a mom of a now-20-year-old Purdue student (love never ends), a neighbor, older, I think sometimes though not in all things

wiser. Jesus Christ is life-giving, and we experience that by being part of the extraordinary ordinary life of the church.

“The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” Galatians 5:22

Several years ago, I began to feel there wasn't much fruit of the Spirit in my life. I began making an effort not to say whatever I thought whenever I thought it, and to say “yes” to more interruptions. I feel I have made some progress in that, by the grace of God.

The CPM currently has two people enrolled in the process: Heather Thiessen and Marietta Macy. We ask you to keep them in prayers as they discern the future God has for them.

The CPM has met a couple times since the last presbytery meeting, clarifying the process for ordination and creating a document for the committee to use and revise over time. We have also met with the candidates for annual consultations, and are excited to present Heather Thiessen as a candidate to the presbytery.

Report of the Congregational Mission and Vitality Committee

Elder Janet Huber Lowry, Moderator pro tem

The committee recently participated in a video conference call to discuss the Bright Star of Bethlehem project. The committee also discussed the promoting of the four special offerings of the PCUSA each year. She particularly spoke of the Mission: Peace and Global Witness Offering which is coming up on World Communion Sunday, the First Sunday in October. Janet shared how 5 churches used their Peacemaking offering in 2017.

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

Council conducted an e-vote July 25, 2018, and took the following action:

Adopted the attached process for the merger of United Presbyterian Church and First, Presbyterian Church, Princeton. (See Attachment #1)

Council met August 23, 2018, and took the following actions:

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

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, Nashville.

Approved the recommendation of the Evangelism and Congregational Witness Committee to make a grant from Transformation Funds in the amount of \$3,097 to Westminster Presbyterian Church, Washington.

At the request of the Evangelism and Congregational Witness Committee, adopted a resolution to mark the completion of "Transparent Church," a new worshipping community that was formed and led by Larry Jackman, with the following provisions 1) that the videoconference lectionary group be allowed to continue under the umbrella of the Evangelism and Congregational Witness Committee, 2) that the Executive Presbyter and Treasurer be authorized to dispose of any property/equipment associated with Transparent Church, and 3) that the Committee Moderator and Executive Presbyter be authorized to complete any other steps necessary to dissolve the NWC.

Received an approved several funding requests:

1. from Rehoboth Presbyterian Church, Valley City Presbyterian Church, Laconia United Presbyterian Church, and Elizabeth Church of the Covenant for their annual retreat (Note: other networks of congregations in the presbytery are invited to request funds as well, and may do so by contacting the council moderator, Susan McGhee)
2. from United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington (where the Presbytery offices are located) for assistance with a capital improvement that will benefit both church and presbytery
3. from Don Summerfield and others, for scholarship aid for any member of one of the presbytery's congregations who attends the Wee Kirk Conference at Montreat October 15-17. The Council approved paying ½ of the \$180 registration fee, and authorized the Executive Presbyter to offer additional funding for those with particular need. (For more information, please visit www.montreat.org/wee-kirk)

Acting as a commission of presbytery, approved the attached resolution to establish an administrative commission to work with United Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Princeton, to complete the process of merger. (See Attachment #2)

Acting as a commission of presbytery, approved the attached resolution to establish an administrative commission to work with Newburgh Presbyterian Church, Princeton, to move toward dissolution. (See Attachment #3)

Acting as a commission of presbytery, approved a provisional amendment to the Design for Mission and Ministry to combine the responsibilities of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry and the POV Academy Committee (See Attachment #4)

Acting as a commission of presbytery, approved the Stated Clerk's recommendation that the Nominating Committee assume the role of the Committee on Representation and that

the Council determine which categories should be tracked as they seek to make our leadership as inclusive as possible.

Considered dates for Assembly in 2019 (See Action Item 1 below)

Considered per capita for 2019 and 2020 (See Action Item 2 below)

For Presbytery Action:

1. That the presbytery gather in stated assembly on the following dates in 2019: Saturday, March 2; Tuesday, May 21; Saturday, September 14; and Tuesday, December 3.
3. That per capita be set at \$40.00 for 2019 and 2020. (see attached for additional information)

Background for Action Item #2: Per Capita Recommendation for 2019 and 2020

Presbyterians have a form of government built upon shared authority and mutual accountability as we seek together to find and represent the mind of Christ. Per Capita dollars provide the primary means for elected members to gather at Presbytery assemblies, Synod assemblies, and the biennial General Assembly. In addition, Per Capita funds the constitutionally required functions of each body.

The Presbytery Council recommends that the 2019 and 2020 Per Capita Giving be set at \$40.00. Of that total amount, \$3.81 goes to the Synod of Lincoln Trails, \$8.95 goes to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and \$27.24 is retained by the Presbytery. Besides providing for the means for us to gather to discern the mind of Christ, Per Capita in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley supports: 100% of the compensation for the Treasurer and Stated Clerk, 75% of the compensation for the two Administrative Associates, 25% of the compensation for the Executive Presbyter, 25% of administrative and office expenses, and 100% of ecclesiastical expenses (including expenses for assemblies, administrative commissions, and entities such as the Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry that perform constitutionally required work).

This recommended Per Capita amount does not fund all of the constitutionally required functions of the Presbytery. If we funded the Executive Presbyter's compensation at 50% instead of 25%, made allowance of all unpaid Per Capita* and funded the increase due to loss of membership, the Per Capita would be \$43.23. The Presbytery Council believes the recommended amount is a significant step towards fully funding the constitutionally required functions of the Presbytery.

* Because of our partnership with the larger church, the presbytery pays in full the Per Capita to the General Assembly and Synod of Lincoln Trails, regardless of the amount that we receive from any individual congregation.

Council Report Attachment #1

A Procedure for the Congregations of First Presbyterian Church, Princeton, Indiana and United Presbyterian Church, Princeton, Indiana to Become ONE Church

Background Information: United Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Princeton, Indiana, formed the Princeton Presbyterian Parish in 2014, and jointly called the Rev. Vanlal Hruaia as Pastor. At a Joint Session Meeting of the two churches on May 2017, a Task Force was created with the mission of becoming One Church. Three members of each church were elected; from FPC: Bruce Davis, Tony Rogers, and Bill Shoulders, from UPC: Dan Engler, John Hyneman, and Bill Ready. Meetings were set monthly.

The Task Force met with the Rev. Dennis Davenport on several occasions, who has experience with a church merger. The work accomplished by the task force so far includes: the choice of a new name, The Princeton Presbyterian Church, a new committee structure, development of draft bylaws, consideration of a timeline for the process, and initial work on finances, and discussion of how to assess the current facilities.

On July 11, 2018, the Task Force and the two Clerks of Session met with David Crittenden and Susan McGhee to receive support and counsel from the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. In preparation for that meeting, and in consultation with other presbyteries, legal counsel, and denominational resources, Dave and Susan developed a proposed process. They presented it to the group, and it was favorably received. It was decided that Vanlal would call a Joint Session meeting for the following Sunday. The Sessions endorsed the process, and now request that the Presbytery Council adopt it and move forward to implement it.

Proposal to Continue the Work of the Princeton Presbyterian Parish to Become One Church

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley Council commends the congregations of United Presbyterian Church and First Presbyterian Church, Princeton, Indiana, under the able leadership of the sessions, the joint task force, and its pastor, the Rev. Vanlal Hruaia, in their efforts to become one church, and adopt the following procedure to continue the work.

- 1) The presbytery will establish an administrative commission (AC) to work with the churches, to plan and implement the merger. The AC's responsibilities would include:
 - a) Authority to work with the Task Force to develop a Plan of Union
 - b) Authority to consult legal counsel as needed, in consultation with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk
 - c) Authority to work with the sessions, pastor and task force to secure congregational approvals as needed
 - d) Authority to approve the creation of the new church as specified in the Plan of Union.
 - e) Authority to dissolve the old churches and create the new church.

- f) Authority to approve the purchase, sale and encumbrance of property in consultation with the presbytery trustees.
 - g) Report to presbytery on a regular basis and keep thorough and accurate minutes of all meetings to be delivered to the Stated Clerk.
- 2) A Plan of Union would be developed with the Task Force and Administrative Commission working together, to include the following (some of this work has already been accomplished by the Task Force, and would simply be reviewed and ratified in the Plan of Union):
 - a) The name of the new church.
 - b) A process for forming a session for the new church.
 - c) A plan for the disposition of property and other assets that specifies what property from each church will be transferred to the new church.
 - d) A plan to specify how any debt will be handled by the new church.
 - e) A plan for how any memorial gifts will be handled.
 - f) The completion of bylaws for the new church and a process for adopting these bylaws.
 - g) A plan for the new church's organizational structure and staffing
 - h) A process for approval of the merger (most likely be a vote to merge by each individual congregation contingent on approval of the other congregation, followed by approval by the AC).
 - i) A process to form a new corporation and satisfy any civil obligations.
 - j) An agreement for how the expenses of the merger will be borne by the two churches, the new church, and the presbytery.
 - k) Plans for the final services of each congregation, as well as the first service of the new congregation.
 - 3) The Plan of Union is presented to the Presbytery Council for approval.
 - 4) The Administrative Commission, Task Force, Sessions and Congregations continue their work as specified in the Plan of Union and the charge to the Admirative Commission.
 - 5) A new roll book is created from the combined rolls of the old churches.
 - 6) Minutes of the former churches are archived.
 - 7) The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery will report the dissolution of the former congregations and the creation of the new congregation with the Office of the General Assembly and obtain a PIN for the new church.
 - 8) The Administrative Commission will produce a written report to be included in the presbytery minutes.
 - 9) The Presbytery will recognize and celebrate the new congregation at the Stated Assembly following the creation of the new church

Council Report Attachment #2

Resolution for the Princeton Administrative Commission

At the request of the sessions of First and United Presbyterian Churches, Princeton, Indiana, and the uniting task force that the sessions formed to work toward the merger of the two congregations, that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley form an administrative commission to work with the sessions and congregations of First and United Presbyterian Churches, Princeton, Indiana to complete the steps toward merger, the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, acting through its Council, establishes the Princeton Administrative Commission, with the following members:

Dennis Davenport, Moderator (Minister member of the presbytery)
Tony Rogers (Ruling Elder and member of First, Princeton)
Bill Ready (Ruling Elder and member of United, Princeton)
Fred Folz (Ruling Elder and member of Eastminter, Evansville)
Linda Peters (Minister member of the presbytery)

and gives the commission the authority and charge

1. to work with the sessions, congregations, and uniting church task force to develop a plan of union and take all necessary and reasonable steps to accomplish the dissolution of the two congregations and the creation of a united congregation;
2. to make regular reports to the Presbytery Council of its progress, and seek approval of Council for the authority to assume original jurisdiction if needed to carry out the dissolution of the congregations and creation of a united one;
3. to be present, with at least two of its members, at meetings of the uniting task force;
4. to hold the sessions and congregations in prayer, that this work may glorify God.

Council Report Attachment #3

Resolution for the Newburgh Administrative Commission

At the request of the Session of the Newburgh Presbyterian Church on August 12, 2018, that the “Presbytery of Ohio Valley form an administrative commission to work with the session and congregation of Newburgh Presbyterian Church toward dissolution and consideration of its legacy and continued contribution to the Kingdom of God,” the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, acting through its Council, establishes the Newburgh Administrative Commission, with the following members:

Joe Kimmel, Moderator (Ruling Elder and member of First, Paoli)
Elder Jean Brown (Ruling Elder and member of First, Bloomington)
Elder William Henderson (Ruling Elder and member of First, Mount Vernon)
Wendy McCormick (Minister member of the presbytery)
Cheryl Thorne (Minister member of the presbytery)
John VanderZee (Minister member of the presbytery)

and gives the commission the authority and charge:

1. to work with the session and congregation to develop a plan of dissolution and take all necessary and reasonable steps to accomplish the dissolution;
2. to make regular reports to the Presbytery Council of its progress, and seek approval of Council for the authority to assume original jurisdiction if needed to carry out the dissolution;
3. to be present, with at least two of its members, at meetings of the session and congregation;
4. to hold the session and congregation in prayer, that this work may glorify God.

Council Report Attachment #4

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (a standing committee of presbytery)

Membership: Nine elected members, teaching elders and ruling elders, to a term of no more than three years, renewable to a total of no more than six consecutive years.

Responsibilities (* indicates a commission power):

For persons preparing for Ordination to the Ministry of the Word and Sacrament:

Manage, direct and interpret the process of preparation.

Review and counsel with Inquirers and Candidates at all levels of preparation.

Authorize and manage such third-party evaluations as may be required, including psychological evaluations and background screening.

Admit persons to Inquirer status and present them to Presbytery. *

Admit persons to Candidate status and present them to Presbytery for confirmation. *

For Ruling Elders wishing to be commissioned for pastoral service:

Develop and provide the process by which interested ruling elders become certified to seek a commission to pastoral service.

Authorize and manage such third-party evaluations as may be required, including psychological evaluations and background screening.

Certify those ruling elders who complete the educational requirements, and whose gifts are suitable for commissioning, and endorse such individuals to the Committee on Ministry *

Maintain records of those who have been certified as eligible to receive a commission, receive and record their annual continuing education reports, and maintain contact with those who keep their continuing education current.

Approve opportunities for continuing education in order to maintain eligibility for current or future service as a ruling elder commissioned to pastoral service.

Provide and implement the process for regular review of certification and decertification of those currently certified to receive a commission.

Speak Out Session

The Speak our Session included:

- A suggestion that pastors should consider paying per capita to the Presbytery, their “church of membership.”
- Thanksgiving for the ministry of several pastors and churches.
- Thanksgiving for the Board of Pension’s Well-Being Retreat
- A report of the “Covering Ceremony” conducted by the Hispanic ministry nesting in the building of the Dale church
- A report of the recent Presbyterian Women’s gathering in Louisville with the theme, “Arise, Shine, Your light has come.”
- A reminder of the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- A report of a counter-demonstration at a KKK rally in Hanover.
- A witness to the opportunities for being blessed by attending a Great Banquet weekend retreat.
- The availability of monetary assistance from the Presbytery for those attending the Montreat Wee Kirk Conference

Report of the Executive Presbyter

The Rev. Susan McGhee

Susan gave a report of her work in and around the presbytery.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

The Rev. Kevin Buchanan was the celebrant for Holy Communion.

Adjournment

Moderator Ferguson adjourned the Assembly at 2:30pm with the Closing Hymn and Closing Sentences.

The next Stated Meeting will be on Thursday, November 29, 2018, at the Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Mitchell, Indiana.

Respectfully Submitted,

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