

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
UNAPPROVED – Minutes of the Assembly: April 7, 2022
Online Video Conference via Zoom
Elder Alicia Holt, Moderator
Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk

Call to Order

The Moderator, Elder Alicia Holt, called the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to order with prayer at 10:00 am EDT. The Stated Clerk, Elder Joe Kimmel, declared that a quorum was present, as indicated by the roll below:

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
Allen, Rob
Atkinson, Molly
Ballard, John
Bangert, Byron
Barrett, Bill
Barrett, Carol
Bean, Michael
Black, Andrew
Black, Dawn
Blankenbeker, James
Brand, Cal
Brill, Bob
Clark, Andrew
Colwell, Allen
Cover, Jeff
Cover, Jeff
Cramer, James
Crittenden, David
Cushman, Cindy
Davenport, Dennis
Dennis, Phillip
DeWitt, Molly
Elliott, Hana

Church

(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
(A) Member-at-Large
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Member-at-Large
(A) Member-at-Large
(P) North Vernon, Graham/Vernon
(P) Terre Haute, Unity
(A) Sullivan, First
(A) Brownstown, First
(P) Honorably Retired
(A) Central, Valley City/Laconia, Rehoboth
(A) Member-at-Large
(P) New Albany, St John United
(P) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Honorably Retired
(P) Corydon, Corydon
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Member-at-Large
(P) Brownstown, Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center
(P) Bloomfield, First

Ministers

Erickson, Eric
Erickson, John
Erickson, Norie
Finnan, Alan
Flucke, Aaron
Fortel, Deborah
Fox, Kathleen
FrizLanger, Martha
Frost, Randall
Gladney, Eugene
Hainer, Frank
Harmon, Frank
Harper, Cheri
Haw, Ann
Hookey, Scott
Hruaia, Vanlal
Hudson, Jay
Hudson, Jill
Hueftle, Keith
Jensen, Mary
Jepsen, Kelley
Jessen, Timothy
Keeney, William
Kendall, Wes
Kenefake, Scott
King, Rick
Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth
Knight, Jo Ann
Knott, Catherine
Langer, Larry
Lasher, Martha
Lee, David
Lee, Je
Lee, Sang Tae
Lowery, Janet
Martinez, Felipe
McCormick, Wendy
McDaniel, Mark
McDonald Smith, Karen
McGhee, Susan
McGlasson, Paul

Church

(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Martinsville, First
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Honorably Retired
(A) Lexington, Lexington
(P) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Dale, Dale
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Vincennes, Indiana
(A) Presbyterian Women
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Seymour, First
(E) Member-at-Large
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Bloomington, IU Health Bloomington Hospice
(P) Bloomington, First
(P) Member-at-Large
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Greencastle, Greencastle
(P) Bloomington, First
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Columbus, Fairlawn
(E) Member-at-Large
(A) Hanover, Hanover College
(P) Mount Vernon, First
(A) Indiana National Guard
(P) Spencer, Spencer
(P) Presbyterian Parish of Lawrence County
(A) Bloomington, Korean
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Columbus, First
(E) Evansville, Center for Congregations Southwest
(P) Huntingburg, Salem United Church of Christ
(P) New Albany, Mount Tabor
(P) Presbytery of Ohio Valley
(E) Member-at-Large

Ministers

McKenney, Sarah	(P)	Bloomington, Stone Belt
McKune, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
Montgomery, Cheryl	(A)	Trinity Parish
Moore, Gregory	(E)	Member-at-Large
Napoli, John	(P)	Bloomington, United
O'Neill, Shane	(E)	Honorably Retired
Owens, William	(A)	Member-at-Large
Peters, Linda	(P)	Honorably Retired
Poole-Adams, Vicki	(A)	Member-at-Large
Porter, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired
Riggins, Mike	(P)	Terre Haute, Central
Robinson, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired
Roseland, Chris	(A)	GA/Mission Council
Rosen, David	(E)	Honorably Retired
Rumsey, William	(E)	Honorably Retired
Safford, Richard	(P)	Honorably Retired
Samsell, Sharon	(A)	Terre Haute, Indiana State University
Scroggins, Gary	(P)	Brazil, First
Solesher, Scott	(A)	Member-at-Large
Stokes, Donald	(A)	Livonia, Livonia United
Stuart, Irene	(E)	Honorably Retired
Summerfield, Don	(P)	Scottsburg, First
Taylor, Veltri	(A)	Evansville, Asera Care Hospice
Thorne, Cheryl	(P)	Washington, Westminster
Tracy, Doug	(E)	Honorably Retired
Turner, Bob	(E)	Paoli, First
VanderZee, John	(P)	Evansville, First
VanderZee, Wendy	(P)	Evansville, First
Veliquette, Roger	(A)	
Walden-Fisher, Beth	(A)	Member-at-Large
Waters, Nancy	(P)	Honorably Retired
Watson, Daniel	(E)	Honorably Retired
White, Robert	(E)	Honorably Retired
Williams, Sharon	(A)	Member-at-Large
Wright, Eric	(P)	Jeffersonville, First

Church**Temporary Minister
of Presbytery**

Seay, Scott	(A)	Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
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Church

Ministers,**Other Denomination**

Artis, Amy	(A)	Scipio, Scipio
Atkins, Corey	(A)	Fort Branch, First
Bower, David	(A)	Roachdale, Roachdale
Feagan, Gene	(A)	Evansville, First Avenue
Morris, William	(A)	Patoka, Patoka

Church**Commissioned****Pastors**

Clark, Richard	(P)	Salem, Salem
Doll, Larry	(P)	Vincennes, South Side
Finch, Mick	(P)	Southern Hills Parish
Fox, Sandy	(P)	Madison, Madison
Turner, John	(A)	Farmersburg, First

Church**Church**

Bedford, First
 Bloomfield, First
 Bloomington, First
 Bloomington, United
 Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
 Brazil, First
 Brownstown, First
 Cayuga, Cayuga
 Central, Valley City
 Charlestown, Community
 Clinton, United
 Columbus, Fairlawn
 Columbus, First
 Corydon, Corydon
 Dale, Dale
 Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant
 Evansville, Eastminster
 Evansville, First
 Evansville, First Avenue
 Farmersburg, First
 Fort Branch, First
 Greencastle, Greencastle
 Hanover, Hanover
 Henryville, Community
 Henryville, Mount Lebanon

Commissioner

Mary Hardesty (A)
 David Holt (P)
 Karen Hahn (P)
 Eydie Peacher (P)
 Peggy Collins (A)
 Vanita Moore (A)
 Megan White (A)
 Commissioner (A)
 Brenda Bliss (A)
 Donna McCreary (P)
 Jack Fenoglio (P)
 Linda Brown (P)
 Luther Pierson (A)
 Charles Eckart (P)
 Ellen Rexing (A)
 Richard Goodwin (A)
 Shannon Irmscher (A)
 Gary Morris (P)
 David Pfettscher (A)
 James Sharpe (A)
 Commissioner (A)
 Lynne Ayres (A)
 Janet Lowry (P)
 Janet Mullins (P)
 Marianna Dietrich (P)

Church

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
North Vernon, Graham
Paoli, First
Patoka, Patoka
Patoka, Union Bethel
Petersburg, Main Street
Princeton, Fairview
Princeton, Princeton
Roachdale, Roachdale
Rockville, Memorial
Salem, Salem
Scipio, Scipio
Scottsburg, First
Seymour, First
Spencer, Spencer
Sullivan, First
Terre Haute, Central
Terre Haute, Unity
Vernon, Vernon
Vernon, Vernon
Vevay, Caledonia
Vincennes, Bethany
Vincennes, Indiana
Vincennes, South Side

Commissioner

Rodney Smithey (P)
Commissioner (A)
Allison Crosier (A)
John Stutzman (A)
George Hill (A)
Connie Benson (P)
Commissioner (A)
Commissioner (A)
Carol Bell (A)
Mike Stiver (P)
Janet Phillips (A)
Ann Stanley (P)
Bill Henderson (P)
Roberta Bastian (P)
Jane Gore (A)
Tom McCarty (P)
Commissioner (A)
Ruby Taflinger (P)
Steve Graham (A)
Joan Myers (A)
Amy Bingham (A)
Gerald Bane (A)
Kathy Hoppes (P)
Commissioner (A)
Bill Shoulders (P)
John Boruff (A)
Don Sink (A)
Norma Eisert (P)
Bill Gerhard (P)
Brian Nowling (P)
George Ernest (A)
Commissioner (A)
Jim Exline (P)
Bob Guell (A)
Karen Walker (A)
Beth Gosman (A)
Sandra Bussell (A)
Caren Griffith (A)
Donald Opell (A)
Alanna Charlton (A)
Allison Doll (A)

Church

Vincennes, Upper Indiana
Washington, Westminster

Commissioner

Bob Slayton (A)
David Vanderbeck (A)

Elder Members

By Reason of Office

Brown, Jean (P)
Ellison, Zack (P)
Henderson, Bill (P)
Henson, Rob (P)
Holt, Alicia (P)
Kimmel, Joe (P)
McClellan, Mary (P)
Walker, Karen (P)

Visitors

Vance Hays	Petersburg, Main Street	Beth Snyder	Jeffersonville, First
Allison Smith	Charlestown, Community	Heather Thiessen	Corydon, Corydon

Instructions were given for the use of the zoom meeting process.

Introductions of New Members, Guests

A first-time elder was introduced. There were no new minister members of the Presbytery, nor were there any guests. There were no corresponding members to be seated.

Consent Agenda

It was m/s/c to approve the Consent Agenda, as follows:

1. Minutes of the Assembly November 18, 2021, and Assembly February 10, 2022, may be found at <http://www.presbyteryov.org/assemblyminutes.htm>
2. Docket:
 - Declaration of Quorum
 - Call to Order and Opening Prayer: Alicia Holt
 - Introductory Business
 - Welcome
 - Technology Review: Rhonda Seymour
 - Introduction of New Members: Joe Kimmel
 - Seating of Corresponding Members: Joe Kimmel
 - Consent Agenda
 - Minutes of 11/18/21 and 2/10/22; Docket; Stated Clerk's Report; Treasurer's Report
 - Report of the Presbytery Council: Susan McGhee
 - For Presbytery Action: Revised Covenant Among the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, and the Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

- Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center: Mike Davis and Molly DeWitt
- Speak Out Session
- Report of the Executive Presbyter: Susan McGhee
- New Business
- Proclamation of the Word: John Napoli
- Prayers of the Presbytery
 - Minutes for Mission: Resettling Refugee Families
 - Memorial Moments for Kevin Fleming and Robert Lorimer
- Service of Sending and Blessing for the Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the 225th General Assembly (2022) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Invitation to the Offering
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Adjournment with Closing Litany

3. Stated Clerk's Report

Elder Joe Kimmel

A. **Deaths.** The Presbytery notes the deaths of the Rev. Kevin Scott Fleming, Evansville First, on February 12, 2022, and of the Rev. Robert Eugene Lorimer, Honorably Retired, on March 5, 2022.

B. **Ministers Received and Transferred** since Fall 2021:

- Received: Roger Veliquette - from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery
- Dismissed: None

C. **Churches celebrating 5-year incremental anniversaries in 2022 include:**

Anniversary	Church	Founded
220	Vincennes, Indiana	01/01/1802
200	Rockville, Memorial	01/01/1822
195	Cayuga, Cayuga	01/01/1827
185	Mount Vernon, First	01/01/1837
170	Montezuma, First	04/18/1852
165	Sullivan, First	08/01/1857
190	Scipio, Scipio	08/04/1832
205	North Vernon, Graham	08/10/1817
205	Salem, Salem	08/14/1817
150	Evansville, First Avenue	09/27/1872
60	Clinton, United	11/07/1962
125	Princeton, Fairview	11/21/1897
205	New Albany, St John United	12/17/1817
55	Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant	12/31/1967
40	Vincennes, Upper Indiana	12/31/1982

D. **Churches in Closing Process** (also refer to Council Report): Royal Oak, Grace, Grammer, Bethany (Spencer)

E. **Business Entity Reports Reminder:** Clerks of each Session complete/update their Church's Business Entity Reports with the Indiana Secretary of State's website every other year. Please check to see whether this is the year for your needed update. Look up your church's status at: <https://bsd.sos.in.gov/publicbusinesssearch>

F. **Remaining Assembly dates for 2022:**

- **Saturday, August 13.** Currently planned to be a hybrid meeting -- scheduled for Bloomington, First.
- **Thursday, November 17.** Location to be determined.

4. Treasurer's Report

Elder Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021

	Jan - Dec 2021 Actual	Annual Budget
<u>Revenue</u>		
Per Capita	\$ 210,353	\$ 226,688
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	69,919	85,000
Contributions	2,200	5,500
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	10,000	10,000
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	79,000	79,000
	371,472	406,188
<u>Expense</u>		
Staff Expense	253,170	252,649
Ecclesiastical Expense	76,781	76,044
Meeting Expense	228	6,100
Administration & Office Expense	43,932	36,500
Program Expense	26,850	35,100
Total Expense	400,961	406,393
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ (29,489)	\$ (205)

Fund Balances

As of December 31, 2021

Church Legacy Funds	933,935
Monroe City Fund	177,892

Brown Trust	35,350
Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	118,249
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	42,669
Undesignated Net Assets	1,330,647
	\$ 2,638,742

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

2021 Per Capita 44			2021	Received	%
		Members	Per Capita	as of	Paid
				12/31/2021	
Bedford	First	94	4,136	4,136	100.0%
Bloomfield	First	67	2,948	2,948	100.0%
Bloomington	First	386	16,984	16,984	100.0%
Bloomington	United	62	2,728	2,728	100.0%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	106	4,664	4,664	100.0%
Brazil	First	224	9,856	9,856	100.0%
Brownstown	Brownstown	29	1,276	1,276	100.0%
Canaan	Jefferson	12	528		0.0%
Cayuga	Cayuga	25	1,100	1,100	100.0%
Central	Valley City	24	1,056	1,056	100.0%
Charlestown	Community	24	1,056	1,056	100.0%
Clarksville	Grace	4	176		0.0%
Clinton	United	34	1,496	1,496	100.0%
Columbus	Fairlawn	91	4,004	4,004	100.0%
Columbus	First	444	19,536	19,536	100.0%
Corydon	Corydon	78	3,432	3,432	100.0%
Dale	Dale	39	1,716	1,716	100.0%
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant	38	1,672	1,672	100.0%
Evansville	Eastminster	327	14,388	14,388	100.0%
Evansville	First	294	12,936	12,936	100.0%
Evansville	First Avenue	32	1,408		0.0%
Evansville	Immanuel	33	1,452		0.0%
Farmersburg	First	15	660	660	100.0%
Fort Branch	First	64	2,816	1,400	49.7%
Grammer	Grammer	12	528	528	100.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	110	4,840	4,840	100.0%
Hanover	Hanover	53	2,332	2,332	100.0%
Henryville	Community	39	1,716	1,716	100.0%
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	21	924	924	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	191	8,404	8,404	100.0%
Laconia	Rehoboth	55	2,420	2,420	100.0%
Laconia	United	14	616	616	100.0%
Leavenworth	Community	45	1,980	204	10.3%
Lexington	Lexington	67	2,948	2,948	100.0%
Livonia	United	45	1,980	1,980	100.0%
Madison	Madison	130	5,720	5,720	100.0%
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	6	264	264	100.0%
Martinsville	First	57	2,508	2,508	100.0%

2021 Per Capita 44

		<u>Members</u>	<u>2021 Per Capita</u>	<u>Received as of 12/31/2021</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
Mitchell	Mitchell	53	2,332	2,332	100.0%
Montezuma	First	21	924	924	100.0%
Mount Vernon	First	54	2,376	2,376	100.0%
Nabb	Nabb	12	528	528	100.0%
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	42	1,848	1,848	100.0%
New Albany	Mount Tabor	81	3,564	3,564	100.0%
New Albany	St. John United	164	7,216	1,257	17.4%
New Washington	Trinity United	25	1,100	616	56.0%
North Vernon	Graham	14	616	616	100.0%
Paoli	First	33	1,452	1,452	100.0%
Patoka	Patoka	7	308	308	100.0%
Patoka	Union Bethel	9	396	396	100.0%
Petersburg	Main Street	55	2,420	2,420	100.0%
Princeton	Fairview	53	2,332	2,332	100.0%
Princeton	Princeton	75	3,300	3,300	100.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	36	1,584	1,584	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	22	968	968	100.0%
Salem	Salem	64	2,816	2,816	100.0%
Scipio	Scipio	28	1,232	1,232	100.0%
Scottsburg	First	41	1,804	1,804	100.0%
Seymour	First	110	4,840	4,840	100.0%
Spencer	Bethany	12	528		0.0%
Spencer	Spencer	68	2,992	2,992	100.0%
Sullivan	First	82	3,608	3,608	100.0%
Terre Haute	Central	223	9,812	9,812	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	82	3,608	3,608	100.0%
Vernon	Vernon	10	440		0.0%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	176		0.0%
Vincennes	Bethany	13	572	572	100.0%
Vincennes	Indiana	100	4,400	2,100	47.7%
Vincennes	South Side	7	308	308	100.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	90	3,960	3,960	100.0%
Washington	Westminster	71	3,124	3,124	100.0%
		<u>5152</u>	<u>\$226,688.00</u>	<u>\$ 210,045.00</u>	<u>92.7%</u>

Shared Mission 2021

		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received as of December 31, 2021</u>			
			<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bedford	First					0
Bloomfield	First		210	70	420	700
Bloomington	First				2,625	2,625
Bloomington	Korean				1,000	1,000
Bloomington	United					0
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial		9	3	18	30
Brazil	First		270	90	540	900

Shared Mission 2021

		<u>Received as of December 31, 2021</u>				
		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Brownstown	Brownstown					0
Canaan	Jefferson					0
Cayuga	Cayuga					0
Central	Valley City					0
Charlestown	Community					0
Clarksville	Grace					0
Clinton	United		225	75	450	750
Columbus	Fairlawn		945	315	1,890	3,150
Columbus	First		4,349	3,450	20,697	28,495
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster		750	250	1,500	2,500
Evansville	First		4,200	1,400	8,400	14,000
Evansville	First Avenue					0
Evansville	Immanuel					0
Farmersburg	First					0
Fort Branch	First					0
Grammer	Grammer		75	25	150	250
Greencastle	Greencastle					0
Hanover	Hanover		550	250	1,200	2,000
Henryville	Community					0
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jeffersonville	First		1,800	600	3,600	6,000
Laconia	Rehoboth		150	50	300	500
Laconia	United		45	15	90	150
Leavenworth	Community			50	100	150
Lexington	Lexington					0
Livonia	United		2,633	743	3,375	6,750
Madison	Madison					0
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe				300	300
Martinsville	First					0
Mitchell	Mitchell					0
Montezuma	First		150	50	300	500
Mount Vernon	First		600	200	1,200	2,000
Nabb	Nabb		30	10	60	100
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship		1,250	1,250	2,500	5,000
New Albany	Mount Tabor					0
New Albany	St. John United		300	100	600	1,000
New Washington	Trinity United					0
North Vernon	Graham					0
Paoli	First					0
Patoka	Patoka					0
Patoka	Union Bethel					0
Petersburg	Main Street		1,200	400	2,400	4,000
Princeton	Fairview					0
Princeton	Princeton					0

Shared Mission 2021

		Pledged	Received as of December 31, 2021			Total
			GA	Synod	POV	
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	United		373	124	746	1,244
Scottsburg	First		200	100	2,000	2,300
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Bethany					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		6,775	1,833	8,058	16,667
Terre Haute	Unity		44	15	89	148
Vernon	Vernon		75	25	150	250
Vevay	Caledonia					0
Vincennes	Bethany					0
Vincennes	Indiana					0
Vincennes	Southside					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster		2,160	720	4,320	7,200
		0	29,368	12,213	69,079	110,659

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

The Presbytery Council met December 7, 2021, by videoconference and took the following actions:

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed and commissioned Joe Kimmel to serve as moderator of session for United Presbyterian Church, Laconia.
2. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a Resolution for the Dissolution of the Grammer Presbyterian Church (attached)
3. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a Resolution for the Dissolution of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Spencer (attached)

The Presbytery Council met January 11, 2022, by videoconference and took the following actions:

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, elected Elder Gary Crow to serve on the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, Class of 2022
2. Called a special meeting of the Presbytery Assembly for February 10, 2022, by zoom videoconference, to examine Heather Thiessen for Ordination
3. Acted on matters relating to assistance for congregations working to resettle refugee

families, including making a grant to Central Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute, for \$5,000

The Presbytery Council met February 8, 2022, by videoconference and took the following actions:

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a request from the Congregation of United Presbyterian Church, Laconia, for a waiver of term limits for session members per G-2.0404
2. Called a special meeting of the Presbytery Assembly for February 10, 2022, to examine Heather Thiessen for Ordination
3. Authorized a grant of \$10,000 from Disaster Assistance to United Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, following storm damage
4. Approved the recommendation of the Executive Presbyter to hold the April 7, 2022 Assembly via zoom videoconference

The Presbytery Council met March 22, 2022, by videoconference and took the following actions:

1. Observed memorial moments for the Rev. Kevin Fleming
2. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a request from the Congregation of Community Presbyterian Church, Leavenworth, for a waiver of term limits for session members per G-2.0404
3. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a request from the Congregation of Community Presbyterian Church, Charlestown, for a waiver of term limits for session members per G-2.0404
4. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Cheryl Thorne to serve as moderator of session for the Princeton Presbyterian Church, effective April 1, 2022.
5. Approved a grant to First Presbyterian Church, Jeffersonville, for assistance with relocating a refugee family.
6. Set the August Presbytery Assembly for First Presbyterian Church, Bloomington, to be held as a hybrid meeting.
7. Bid farewell and Godspeed to Council member Vanlal Hruaia.
8. Reviewed a revised covenant among Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, and the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, to be presented for Presbytery Action at the April 7 Assembly. (attached)

For Presbytery Action:

1. That the attached “Covenant Among The Presbytery of Ohio Valley, The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, and the Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center” be approved.

The Presbytery APPROVED the attached Covenant.

**A Covenant Among The Presbytery of Ohio Valley,
The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, and the Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center
(proposed 2022 revision)**

I. Parties

This revised covenant is entered into between the Presbyteries of Ohio Valley and Whitewater Valley and Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. (PCRC), an Indiana not-for-profit public benefit corporation. The original covenant was agreed to by all parties in 2019.

II. Covenant

The Presbyteries of Ohio Valley and Whitewater Valley and the PCRC covenant together to affirm our support for Camp Pyoca, and our present and historic partnership and mutuality of purpose in providing for Camp Pyoca and to outline the promises of all parties to each other as the PCRC establishes itself as a non-profit camp and retreat center to carry on the mission and purpose of Camp Pyoca. Recognizing that the future may bring significant changes for the PCRC and the partner Presbyteries, it is anticipated that this Covenant will be revised as circumstances evolve, and agree to review and renew this Covenant at least every three years, or at the request of any of the parties as circumstances require.

III. The Promises of the Presbyteries of Ohio Valley and Whitewater Valley to the PCRC

- A. The Presbyteries provide PCRC an affiliation with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and recognize PCRC as an institution related to both Presbyteries through this Covenant. The Presbyteries recognize PCRC as an institution with ties to the Presbyterian Church (USA) where programs with multiple denominations and/or interfaith endeavors may take place.
- B. Recognizing that PCRC will be an independent entity, the Presbyteries will encourage their pastors and congregations to consider the PCRC for summer camping programs, retreats, and/or other conferences hosted by the PCRC. They will publicize the PCRC camps, retreats, and other programs on their web sites and in emails, newsletters, etc., and will provide links on their web sites to the PCRC home page.
- C. The Presbyteries will collaborate with the PCRC in planning and sponsoring events each year designed to meet the needs of the Church: these may include, but are not limited to Presbytery assemblies, youth conferences, or pastor retreats.
- D. The staff and leaders of both Presbyteries will strive to remain informed about the programs and policies of the PCRC, and will support and interpret its mission.
- E. Each Presbytery will provide access to its Council, and will offer the PCRC the opportunity to report at its regular assemblies.
- F. Each Presbytery will name two nominees to the PCRC Board of Directors each year through its normal election process. Should the Board of Directors not elect a nominee from a Presbytery, it will request that the Presbytery nominate an alternative.
- G. The Presbyteries will encourage support of the PCRC through inclusion of financial support in their annual budgets, and will encourage congregations to participate in the financial support and fundraising objectives of the PCRC, in consultation with and in collaboration between the PCRC and the Presbytery Councils.

- IV. An Additional Promise of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to the PCRC**
The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, working through the Board of Directors and the Coordinating Council, intends at the appropriate time to transfer the current Camp Pyoca real property, fixtures, equipment, and tangible assets to the new independent PCRC for reasonable consideration. Terms of this transfer to be addressed in a separate Transition Agreement between the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley and the PCRC.
- V. The Promises of the PCRC to the Presbyteries of Ohio Valley and Whitewater Valley**
- A. The PCRC covenants to offer staff leadership and physical facilities for appropriate training events, programs, seminars, and related activities, including events specifically designed to meet the needs of the Presbyteries, their member congregations, and their other organizations and institutions.
 - B. The PCRC will provide complimentary weekday lodging for renewal and study leave to pastoral leaders and youth staff of congregations from both Presbyteries, and will communicate this amenity to the Presbyteries each year.
 - C. The PCRC will offer a lodging discount to congregations from both Presbyteries for youth, adult, and family retreats, and will communicate this discount to the Presbyteries each year.
 - D. The PCRC Board of Directors will operate according to its bylaws. The PCRC will provide both Presbyteries an annual financial report with periodic updates as necessary at the request of the leadership of either Presbytery.
 - E. The PCRC will provide programming and leadership to uphold the historic and present focus of the Reformed tradition.
 - F. The PCRC will cooperate and collaborate with both Presbyteries, seeking ways to support them, their member congregations, and their other organizations and institutions.
- VI. Additional Promises of the PCRC to the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley**
- A. The PCRC will maintain the real property, fixtures, equipment, and tangible assets of Camp Pyoca and of the PCRC in good working order and repair, and will make improvements as finances allow and needs require.
 - B. During the transition of Camp Pyoca to an independent camp and retreat center and until a final transfer of the property is executed, the PCRC shall not incur any material indebtedness without the advance approval of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley. In the spirit of the historic partnership of Camp Pyoca and the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, consultation between the PCRC and the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley concerning encumbrances on the land or buildings shall continue once the transition is complete (in keeping with the provision in Section VI. C. below).
 - C. The PCRC Board of Directors will not sell any land or buildings transferred to it from the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley without prior consultation with and approval from the Presbytery's Board of Directors. If at any time in the future the PCRC is formally dissolved, declares bankruptcy, has a receiver appointed, or finds it is unable to continue as an independent entity, its real and personal assets remaining after provision for payment of valid debts and liabilities shall be distributed to the Presbytery or its successor.

**Resolution for the Dissolution
of the Grammer Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Grammer, Indiana**

WHEREAS, the Session of the Grammer Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), notified the Executive Presbyter of Presbytery of Ohio Valley of its desire to have the congregation dissolved; and

WHEREAS, Stated Clerk Joe Kimmel and Executive Presbyter Susan McGhee met with the Session and Congregation on October 31, 2021, to confer about the process of dissolution; and

WHEREAS, the Session and Congregation reaffirmed its decision to move toward dissolution; and

WHEREAS, the final Service of Worship was held November 14, 2021, with Elder Kimmel representing the Presbytery;

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, by means of its Council, dissolve the Grammer Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), effective December 15, 2021, with gratitude for its faithful ministry as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Officers of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc., be commissioned and authorized

1. to act on all matters pertaining to the dissolution of the Congregation,
2. to act on all matters pertaining the disposition of property and other assets,
3. to assist in matters pertaining to the dissolution of the Grammer Presbyterian Church, Inc., and
4. to make regular reports to the Council and a final report to the Presbytery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley offer prayers for the former members of the Grammer Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), as they continue in Christian witness, service, and fellowship in other congregations.

Adopted this 7th day of December 2021, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, through its Council.

Attest:

Susan C. McGhee
Moderator, Presbytery Council
Valley C.E.O., Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Valley, Inc.

E. Joseph Kimmel, Jr.
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Ohio
Secretary, Presbytery of Ohio

**Resolution for the Dissolution
of the Bethany Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
Spencer, Indiana**

WHEREAS, the Session and Congregation of the Bethany Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Spencer, Indiana, notified the Executive Presbyter of Presbytery of Ohio Valley of its desire to have the congregation dissolved; and

WHEREAS, the Church Treasurer informed the Executive Presbyter that the Congregation no longer had funds to pay church bills; and

WHEREAS, the Presbytery, acting through Executive Presbyter Susan McGhee and Presbytery Treasurer Jean Brown, assumed all financial obligations for the church and conferred with officers of Congregation about the process of dissolution; and

WHEREAS, the Session confirmed its decision to move toward the dissolution of the Congregation, and indicated that it did not wish to hold a final Service of Worship

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, by means of its Council, dissolve the Bethany Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Spencer, Indiana, effective December 15, 2021, with gratitude for its faithful ministry as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.); and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Officers of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc., be commissioned and authorized

1. to act on all matters pertaining to the dissolution of the Congregation,
2. to act on all matters pertaining the disposition of property and other assets, and
3. to make regular reports to the Council and a final report to the Presbytery; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley offer prayers for the former members of the Bethany Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Spencer, Indiana, as they continue in Christian witness, service, and fellowship in other congregations.

Adopted this 7th day of December 2021, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, through its Council.

Attest:

Susan C. McGhee
Moderator, Presbytery Council
Valley C.E.O., Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Inc.

E. Joseph Kimmel, Jr.
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Ohio
Secretary, Presbytery of Ohio Valley,

Susan led the Assembly in prayer for the above two churches and their ministries.

Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

Rev. Molly DeWitt reported on the current and upcoming activities of Camp Pyoca, including various retreats, summer camp, the hiring of staff, and the planning of the celebration of 70 years of ministry by the Camp to be held on August 20th.

Speak Out Time

Members of the body shared announcements and prayer concerns.

Report of the Executive Presbyter

Rev. Susan McGhee, during her report, encouraged those in attendance to be aware of their continued need to engage in practices that lead to resilience and renewal, such as meditation and prayer, taking walks in nature, dancing, listening to a playing music etc.. Susan also spoke of pastoral leadership comings and goings, including the untimely death of Rev. Kevin Fleming.

New Business

There was no new business to come before the Presbytery.

The Assembly at Worship

Elder Alicia Holt called the Assembly to Worship.

The Proclamation of the Word

Rev. John Napoli brought the Word, using Matthew 5:1-15 as his text.

Prayers of the Presbytery

Reports were heard from the four churches that are helping resettle refugee families. Memorial Moments were held for Rev. Kevin Fleming and Rev. Robert Lorimer. Many other prayers were on our lips as Rev. McGhee led the Assembly.

Service of Sending and Blessing for the 225th General Assembly (2022)

Commissioners Rev. Felipe Martinez, Elder Mary McClellan, and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Madelyn Lopp were commissioned with prayer.

Invitation to the Offering

Rev. Dave Crittenden invited those assembled to give their offering for the support of the Presbytery's work with the refugees.

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Rev. Je Lee celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with the presbytery participating with food and drink from their own homes.

Adjournment with Closing Litany

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am EDT with the Closing Liturgy.

The next Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley will be Saturday, August 13, 2022, held by either online video conference or in-person, as the situation allows.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk
Rev. Larry Langer, Recording Clerk

Appendix A

Committee on Ministry Report

Elder Mary McClellan and the Rev. John Napoli, Co-Moderators

Summary of COM actions, **November 8, 2021**, through **March 22, 2022**.

FOR INFORMATION

At the **January 11, 2022, meeting**, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following agreements:

- a. **First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington** and the **Rev. Scott Kenefake** serving as Transitional Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
11/09/2021 to 11/08/2022	40hrs/wk	\$96,000	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 Weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$3,374	Yes

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

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	20hrs/wk	\$9,746	\$12,500	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 Weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$700	Yes

- c. **Fairview Presbyterian Church of Princeton** and the **Rev. Mark Holland** serving as Ecumenical Supply Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	18hrs/wk	\$20,472	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 Weeks incl. 4 Sundays	N/A	Yes

- d. **First Presbyterian Church of Fort Branch** and the **Rev. Corey Atkins** serving as Ecumenical Supply Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	20hrs/wk	\$31,200	Manse + \$4,000	Vch.IRS rate - \$1,300 est.	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 Weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$600	No

At the **March 22, 2022, meeting**, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following agreement:

- a. **First Presbyterian Church of Paoli** and the **Rev. Robert Turner** serving as Stated Supply Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2022 to 12/31/2022	15hrs/wk	\$18,758.25*	See note.	Vch.IRS rate - \$500 est.	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 Weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	Yes

*Up to 100% may be designated as housing allowance.

Appendix B

2022 PRESBYTERY PRAYER PARTNERS

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley encourages all our congregations to pray for each other over a two-year span. Sharing prayers with each other works! Here's how you can help:

By the tenth of the month preceding the month for your church, 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. **If your church is in a parish, we'd also appreciate information on the benefits you feel parish membership has brought to the parish churches.**

Email your information to office@presbyteryov.org. Call 866-344-7853 for more information.

April 10	First, Brazil	August 21	**Community, Henryville
April 17	(Easter) Your own congregation	August 28	**Mt. Lebanon, Henryville
April 24	Brownstown	September 4	**Nabb, Nabb
May 1	United, Cayuga	September 11	Emergency Responders & Disaster Relief Workers
May 8	Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center	September 18	First, Fort Branch
May 15	Valley City, Central	September 25	Greencastle
May 22	Community, Charlestown	October 2	Hanover
May 29	Fairlawn, Columbus	October 9	First, Jeffersonville
June 5	Churches Searching for Pastoral Leadership	October 16	Rehoboth, Laconia
June 12	Commissioners to General Assembly	October 23	United, Laconia
June 19	PC(USA) 225 th General Assembly	October 30	Community, Leavenworth
June 26	First, Columbus	November 6	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff
July 3	Corydon	November 13	Lexington
July 10	Dale	November 20	Livonia
July 17	Church of the Covenant, Elizabeth	November 27	Madison
April 10	First, Brazil	December 4	Hanover College
July 24	Eastminster, Evansville	December 11	POV Chaplains and others in Specialized Ministries
July 31	First, Evansville	December 18	All serving in the military
August 7	First Avenue, Evansville	December 25	(Christmas) Peace on Earth
August 14	First, Farmersburg		

*Lawrence Co. Parish** *Southern Hills Parish***