

**The Presbytery of Ohio Valley**  
**Minutes of Assembly: November 16, 2023**  
**Video Conference via Zoom**  
**The Rev. Felipe Martinez, Moderator**  
**Elder Beth Snyder, Vice Moderator**  
**Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk**  
**10:00am EST/9:00am CST**

**Call to Order**

The Moderator, Rev. Felipe Martinez, called the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to order with prayer at 10:00am EST. 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.

<b><u>Ministers</u></b>		<b><u>Church</u></b>
Ackerman, Jim	(E)	Honorably Retired
Allen, Rob	(A)	Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
Atkinson, Molly	(A)	Member-at-Large
Ballard, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
Bangert, Byron	(E)	Honorably Retired
Barrett, Carol	(A)	Member-at-Large
Bean, Michael	(E)	Honorably Retired
Black, Andrew	(A)	Terre Haute, Unity
Black, Dawn	(P)	Sullivan, First
Blankenbeker, James	(A)	Brownstown, First
Bradney, Ryan	(E)	Evansville, Eastminster
Brand, Cal	(P)	Honorably Retired
Brill, Bob	(A)	Central, Valley City/Laconia, Rehoboth
Clark, Andrew	(A)	Member-at-Large
Colwell, Allen	(P)	New Albany, St John United
Cover, Jeff	(P)	Honorably Retired
Cramer, James	(E)	Honorably Retired
Crittenden, David	(P)	Honorably Retired
Cushman, Cindy	(E)	Corydon, Corydon
DeWitt, Molly	(E)	Brownstown, Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center
Elliott, Hana	(P)	Bloomfield, First
Erickson, Eric	(E)	Honorably Retired
Erickson, John	(A)	Martinsville, First
Erickson, Norie	(E)	Honorably Retired
Finnan, Alan	(P)	Brazil, First
Flucke, Aaron	(A)	Lexington, Lexington
Fortel, Deborah	(P)	Honorably Retired

**Ministers****Church**

Fox, Kathleen	(E)	Honorably Retired
FrizLanger, Martha	(E)	Honorably Retired
Frost, Randall	(E)	Honorably Retired
Gladney, Eugene	(E)	Honorably Retired
Grimm, Tommy	(P)	Bloomington, First
Hainer, Frank	(E)	Honorably Retired
Harmon, Frank	(P)	Vincennes, Indiana
Harper, Cheri	(A)	Presbyterian Women
Haw, Ann	(E)	Honorably Retired
Hookey, Scott	(P)	Seymour, First
Howard, Grace	(P)	Mount Vernon, First
Howard, Jeffrey	(P)	Honorably Retired
Hudson, Jay	(E)	Honorably Retired
Hudson, Jill	(E)	Honorably Retired
Hueftle, Keith	(E)	Honorably Retired
Jensen, Mary	(A)	Bloomington, IU Health Bloomington Hospice
Jepsen, Kelley	(A)	Bloomington, First
Jessen, Timothy	(P)	Member-at-Large
Keeney, William	(E)	Honorably Retired
Kendall, Wes	(P)	Greencastle, Greencastle
King, Rick	(E)	Honorably Retired
Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth	(P)	Columbus, Fairlawn
Knight, Jo Ann	(E)	Member-at-Large
Knott, Catherine	(E)	Hanover, Hanover College
Langer, Larry	(P)	Retired
Lasher, Martha	(E)	Indiana National Guard
Lee, David	(P)	Honorably Retired
Lee, Sang Tae	(A)	Bloomington, Korean
Lowery, Janet	(P)	Honorably Retired
Martinez, Felipe	(P)	Columbus, First
McCormick, Wendy	(A)	Member-at-Large
McDaniel, Mark	(P)	Tell City, Evangelical United Church of Christ
McDonald Smith, Karen	(P)	Jeffersonville, First
McGhee, Susan	(P)	Presbytery of Ohio Valley
McGlasson, Paul	(E)	Member-at-Large
McKenney, Sarah	(A)	Bloomington, Stone Belt
McKune, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
Montgomery, Cheryl	(P)	Bloomington, United
Moore, Gregory	(E)	Member-at-Large
Moorefield, Susan	(P)	St. Mary-of-the-Woods, St. Mary-of-the-Woods
O'Neill, Shane	(E)	Honorably Retired
Peters, Linda	(P)	Honorably Retired
Poole-Adams, Vicki	(A)	Member-at-Large
Porter, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired

**Ministers**

Riggins, Mike	(A)	Terre Haute, Central
Robinson, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired
Roseland, Chris	(E)	Retired
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)	Honorably Retired
Seay, Scott	(A)	Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
Smith, Sammie	(A)	Evansville, Deaconess Hospital
Solether, Scott	(A)	Member-at-Large
Stokes, Donald	(A)	Livonia, Livonia United
Stuart, Irene	(E)	Honorably Retired
Summerfield, Don	(E)	Scottsburg, First
Taylor, Veltri	(A)	Evansville, Asera Care Hospice
Thiessen, Heather	(P)	
Thorne, Cheryl	(P)	Washington, Westminster
Tracy, Doug	(E)	Honorably Retired
Trigger, Sue	(P)	New Albany, Mount Tabor
Turner, Bob	(E)	Paoli, First
VanderPloeg, Karen	(P)	Madison, Madison
VanderZee, John	(P)	Honorably Retired
VanderZee, Wendy	(P)	Honorably Retired
Veliquette, Roger	(A)	Hanover, Hanover
von Winckler, Anna	(A)	Evansville, First
Walden-Fisher, Beth	(E)	Member-at-Large
Waters, Nancy	(E)	Honorably Retired
Watson, Daniel	(E)	Honorably Retired
White, Robert	(E)	Honorably Retired
Williams, Sharon	(A)	Member-at-Large
Wright, Eric	(A)	Louisville, Amedysis Hospice Agency

**Church****Ministers,****Other Denomination**

Atkins, Corey	(A)	Fort Branch, First
Bower, David	(A)	Roachdale, Roachdale
Feagan, Gene	(A)	Evansville, First Avenue
Morris, William	(A)	Patoka, Patoka
White, Pete	(A)	Vincennes, Upper Indiana

**Church****Commissioned****Pastors**

Clark, Richard	(A)	Salem, Salem
Doll, Larry	(A)	Vincennes, South Side

**Church**

**Commissioned****Pastors**

Finch, Mick (P) Southern Hills Parish  
Turner, John (A) Farmersburg, First

**Church****Church****Commissioner**

Bedford, First	Commissioner	(A)
Bloomfield, First	David Holt	(P)
Bloomington, First	Karen Hahn	(A)
Bloomington, United	Bob Hammel	(A)
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial	Peggy Collins	(A)
Brazil, First	Vanita Moore	(A)
Brownstown, First	Commissioner	(A)
Cayuga, Cayuga	Commissioner	(A)
Central, Valley City	Brenda Bliss	(A)
Charlestown, Community	Donna McCreary	(A)
Clinton, United	Jack Fenoglio	(P)
Columbus, Fairlawn	David Doup	(P)
Columbus, First	Luther Pierson	(A)
Corydon, Corydon	Charles Eckart	(P)
Dale, Dale	Ellen Rexing	(A)
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant	Richard Goodwin	(A)
Evansville, Eastminster	Shannon Irscher	(A)
Evansville, First	Gerald Morris	(A)
Evansville, First Avenue	David Pfettscher	(A)
Farmersburg, First	James Sharpe	(A)
Fort Branch, First	Commissioner	(A)
Greencastle, Greencastle	Betsy Demmings	(P)
Hanover, Hanover	Janet Lowry	(P)
Henryville, Community	Janet Mullins	(P)
Henryville, Mount Lebanon	Marianna Dietrich	(P)
Jeffersonville, First	Mary Ruth Phares	(P)
Laconia, Rehoboth	Paula Hensley	(A)
Laconia, United	Paige Baker	(A)
Leavenworth, Community	John Stutzman	(A)
Lexington, Lexington	Lisa Conder	(A)
Lexington, Lexington	George Hill	(A)
Livonia, Livonia United	Pat King	(A)
Madison, Jefferson	Commissioner	(A)
Madison, Madison	Terri Brunner	(A)
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe	Teresa Lichlyter	(P)
Martinsville, First	Mike Stiver	(P)
Mitchell, Mitchell	Janet Phillips	(A)
Montezuma, First	Gwendolyn Moore	(P)
Mount Vernon, First	Bill Henderson	(P)

**Church**

Nabb, Nabb	Roberta Bastian	(P)
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship	Jane Gore	(P)
New Albany, Mount Tabor	Tom McCarty	(P)
New Albany, St John United	Rudy Owen	(A)
New Washington, Trinity United	Ruby Taflinger	(P)
North Vernon, Graham	Steve Graham	(A)
Paoli, First	Joan Myers	(A)
Patoka, Patoka	Lori Racine	(E)
Patoka, Union Bethel	Gerald Bane	(A)
Petersburg, Main Street	Kathy Hoppes	(P)
Princeton, Fairview	Commissioner	(A)
Princeton, Princeton	Bill Shoulders	(E)
Roachdale, Roachdale	John Boruff	(A)
Rockville, Memorial	Donna Paul	(P)
Salem, Salem	Norma Eisert	(P)
Scipio, Scipio	Bill Gerhard	(P)
Scottsburg, First	Brian Nowling	(P)
Seymour, First	George Ernest	(A)
Spencer, Spencer	Buck Johnson	(A)
Sullivan, First	Jim Exline	(A)
Terre Haute, Central	Alan Harder	(P)
Terre Haute, Unity	Karen Walker	(A)
Vernon, Vernon	Lou Malcomb	(P)
Vevay, Caledonia	Caren Griffith	(A)
Vincennes, Bethany	Donald Opell	(A)
Vincennes, Indiana	Alanna Charlton	(A)
Vincennes, South Side	Allison Doll	(A)
Vincennes, Upper Indiana	Bob Slayton	(A)
Washington, Westminster	Jamie Petty	(A)

**Commissioner****Elder Members****By Reason of Office**

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

## Visitors

Sue Burns	Petersburg, Main Street	Mike Davis	Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center
Sylvia Dyer	Spencer, Spencer	Roger Stuckey	Petersburg, Main Street
Jerusha Van Camp	Evansville, First		

## Introductions of New Members, Guests

New minister members of the Presbytery, first time elder attendees, and guests were introduced and welcomed by the Stated Clerk and the Assembly.

## Consent Agenda

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

1. Minutes of the Assembly August 19, 2023, may be found at <http://www.presbyteryov.org/assemblyminutes.htm>
2. Docket:
  - Declaration of Quorum
  - Call to Order: Felipe Martinez
  - Hymn and Prayer
  - Introductory Business
    - Welcome
    - Introduction of New Members: Joe Kimmel and Susan McGhee
    - Seating of Corresponding Members: Joe Kimmel
  - Consent Agenda: Minutes of August 19,2023; Docket; Stated Clerk's Report; Treasurer's Report
  - Report of the Presbytery Council: Susan McGhee
    - Change in Designation for the Korean Presbyterian Church
  - 2024 Budget
  - Report of the Committee on Ministry: Alan Finnan
    - Presentation of Ruling Elder Rob Henson to be examined for commissioning to particular pastoral service in and for the Main Street Presbyterian Church, Petersburg
  - Report of the Nominating Committee: Deborah Fortel
  - Annual Meeting of the Corporation: Dave Crittenden
  - Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center: Mike Davis and Molly DeWitt
  - Speak Out Session
  - Report of the Executive Presbyter
  - New Business
  - Prayers of the Presbytery
  - Invitation to the Offering
  - Proclamation of the Word: Felipe Martinez
  - Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
  - Recognition of Out-Going Presbytery Leadership
  - Installation of Presbytery Moderator and Vice-Moderator for 2024
  - Adjournment with Closing Litany

### 3. Stated Clerk's Report

Elder Joe Kimmel

#### A. Installations:

- An administrative commission installed the Rev. Karen VanderPloeg as Pastor of Madison Presbyterian Church on Sunday, August 6, 2023.
- An administrative commission installed the Rev. Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard as Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, on Saturday, September 30, 2023.
- The Rev. Susan Trigger will be installed as Pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, New Albany, on Sunday, November 19, 2023.

#### B. Churches with 5-Year Anniversaries in Nov or Dec 2023:

5- Yr Anniversary	Church	Founded
5	Princeton, Princeton	12/31/2018
55	Charlestown, Community	11/03/1968

C. **Ministers Received and Transferred** since the August 19<sup>th</sup> Assembly: None

D. **Deaths:** None since last assembly.

E. **Business Entity 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 if this is the year for your needed update or if it is past due. To look up a church's status, use the following link: <https://bsd.sos.in.gov/publicbusinesssearch>

#### F. **Assembly dates for 2024:**

- Saturday, February 24 (Zoom)
- Thursday, May 23 (in-person)
- Saturday, August 24 (in-person)
- Thursday, November 21 (Zoom)

### 4. Treasurer's Report

Elder Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.

Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)

January 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023

	Jan -Sep 2023	Annual	% of
	<u>Actual</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Budget</u>
<b><u>Revenue</u></b>			
<b>Per Capita</b>	\$ 176,930	\$ 232,345	76%
<b>Shared Giving (Unified Mission)</b>	45,891	85,000	54%
<b>Contributions</b>	2,655	17,500	15%
<b>Unrestricted Invest Inc &amp; Trans</b>	9,000	12,000	75%

<b>Restricted Invest Inc &amp; Trans</b>	52,762	70,349	75%
	<u>287,238</u>	<u>417,194</u>	69%
<b><u>Expense</u></b>			
<b>Staff Expense</b>	207,645	274,910	76%
<b>Ecclesiastical Expense</b>	46,587	73,637	63%
<b>Meeting Expense</b>	2,401	4,050	59%
<b>Administration &amp; Office Expense</b>	32,639	36,500	89%
<b>Program Expense</b>	21,723	32,500	67%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<u>310,994</u>	<u>421,597</u>	74%
<b>Net Surplus/(Deficit)</b>	<u>\$ (23,756)</u>	<u>\$ (4,403)</u>	

### Fund Balances

As of September 30, 2023

<b>Church Legacy Funds</b>	903,924
<b>Monroe City Fund</b>	162,892
<b>Brown Trust</b>	1,338
<b>Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry</b>	108,860
<b>Restricted Funds (Specific Use)</b>	47,993
<b>Undesignated Net Assets</b>	<u>1,168,685</u>
	<u>\$ 2,393,692</u>

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](mailto:jean@presbyteryov.org)

**2023 Per Capita 50.15**

		<b>Members</b>	<b>2023 Per Capita</b>	<b>Received as of 11/1/2023</b>	<b>% Paid</b>
Bedford	First	87	4,363.05	4,363.05	100.0%
Bloomfield	First	54	2,708.10	2,708.10	100.0%
Bloomington	First	329	16,499.35	10,000.00	60.6%
Bloomington	United	49	2,457.35	2,457.35	100.0%
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial	78	3,911.70	3,911.70	100.0%
Brazil	First	222	11,133.30	11,133.30	100.0%
Brownstown	Brownstown	32	1,604.80	1,604.80	100.0%
Canaan	Jefferson	12	601.80		0.0%
Cayuga	Cayuga	25	1,253.75	1,053.15	84.0%
Central	Valley City	24	1,203.60	1,203.50	100.0%
Charlestown	Community	21	1,053.15	1,053.15	100.0%
Clinton	United	34	1,705.10		0.0%
Columbus	Fairlawn	83	4,162.45	3,121.83	75.0%
Columbus	First	433	21,714.95	21,714.95	100.0%
Corydon	Corydon	76	3,811.40		0.0%
Dale	Dale	35	1,755.25	1,755.25	100.0%
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant	37	1,855.55	1,855.55	100.0%



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		<b>Members</b>	<b>2023 Per Capita</b>	<b>Received as of 11/1/2023</b>	<b>% Paid</b>
Evansville	Eastminster	234	11,735.10	7,875.00	67.1%
Evansville	First	296	14,844.40	12,370.40	83.3%
Evansville	First Avenue	32	1,604.80	200.00	12.5%
Farmersburg	First	12	601.80	552.00	91.7%
Fort Branch	First	50	2,507.50	628.00	25.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	105	5,265.75	5,265.00	100.0%
Hanover	Hanover	49	2,457.35	2,457.35	100.0%
Henryville	Community	37	1,855.55	1,855.55	100.0%
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	21	1,053.15	1,053.15	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	173	8,675.95	6,506.97	75.0%
Laconia	Rehoboth	52	2,607.80	2,607.80	100.0%
Laconia	United	14	702.10	702.10	100.0%
Leavenworth	Community	45	2,256.75	700.00	31.0%
Lexington	Lexington	66	3,309.90	3,309.90	100.0%
Livonia	United	38	1,905.70	1,905.70	100.0%
Madison	Madison	117	5,867.55	5,867.55	100.0%
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe	8	401.20	401.20	100.0%
Martinsville	First	50	2,507.50	2,507.50	100.0%
Mitchell	Mitchell	45	2,256.75	752.25	33.3%
Montezuma	First	18	902.70	902.70	100.0%
Mount Vernon	First	55	2,758.25	2,756.25	99.9%
Nabb	Nabb	12	601.80	601.80	100.0%
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship	42	2,106.30	2,106.30	100.0%
New Albany	Mount Tabor	79	3,961.85	3,961.85	100.0%
New Albany	St. John United	162	8,124.30	2,241.81	27.6%
New Washington	Trinity United	22	1,103.30	551.90	50.0%
North Vernon	Graham	16	802.40	802.40	100.0%
Paoli	First	40	2,006.00	1,000.00	49.9%
Patoka	Patoka	16	802.40	802.40	100.0%
Patoka	Union Bethel	10	501.50	501.50	100.0%
Petersburg	Main Street	52	2,607.80	2,607.80	100.0%
Princeton	Fairview	42	2,106.30	2,106.30	100.0%
Princeton	Princeton	72	3,610.80	3,610.80	100.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	33	1,654.95	1,654.95	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	18	902.70	902.70	100.0%
Salem	Salem	60	3,009.00	3,009.00	100.0%
Scipio	Scipio	17	852.55	852.55	100.0%
Scottsburg	First	40	2,006.00	2,006.00	100.0%
Seymour	First	108	5,416.20	5,416.20	100.0%
Spencer	Spencer	63	3,159.45	3,159.45	100.0%
Sullivan	First	53	2,657.95		0.0%
Terre Haute	Central	201	10,080.15	10,080.15	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	51	2,557.65	2,557.65	100.0%
Vernon	Vernon	11	551.65	515.65	93.5%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	200.60		0.0%
Vincennes	Bethany	12	601.80		0.0%
Vincennes	Indiana	95	4,764.25	2,500.00	52.5%
Vincennes	South Side	7	351.05		0.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	90	4,513.50	2,908.69	64.4%
Washington	Westminster	57	2,858.55	1,429.28	50.0%
		<b>4,633</b>	<b>232,344.95</b>	<b>186,999.18</b>	<b>80.5%</b>

## Shared Mission 2023

		<u>Received as of November 1, 2023</u>				
		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
Bedford	First					0
Bloomfield	First		210	70	420	700
Bloomington	First				3,575	3,575
Bloomington	Korean					0
Bloomington	United					0
Boonville	Hemenway Memorial					0
Brazil	First					0
Brownstown	Brownstown					0
Canaan	Jefferson					0
Cayuga	Cayuga					0
Central	Valley City					0
Charlestown	Community					0
Clinton	United		225	75	450	750
Columbus	Fairlawn		709	265	1,418	2,392
Columbus	First		7,705	2,568	15,409	25,682
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster		263	88	525	875
Evansville	First		2,730	910	5,460	9,100
Evansville	First Avenue					0
Farmersburg	First					0
Fort Branch	First					0
Greencastle	Greencastle					0
Hanover	Hanover		550	250	1,200	2,000
Henryville	Community					0
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jeffersonville	First		1,000	400	3,100	4,500
Laconia	Rehoboth		150	50	300	500
Laconia	United					0
Leavenworth	Community			50	100	150
Lexington	Lexington					0
Livonia	United		2,796	789	3,585	7,170
Madison	Madison					0
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe					0
Martinsville	First					0
Mitchell	Mitchell					0
Montezuma	First					0
Mount Vernon	First		210	70	420	700
Nabb	Nabb		25	25	50	100
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship		1,500	500	3,000	5,000
New Albany	Mount Tabor					0
New Albany	St. John United					0
New Washington	Trinity United					0
North Vernon	Graham					0
Paoli	First					0
Patoka	Patoka					0
Patoka	Union Bethel					0

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Petersburg	Main Street		600	200	1,200	2,000
Princeton	Fairview					0
Princeton	Princeton					0
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	Scipio					0
Scottsburg	First		150	75	1,500	1,725
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		4,875	1,375	6,250	12,500
Terre Haute	Unity					0
Vernon	Vernon					0
Vevay	Caledonia					0
Vincennes	Bethany					0
Vincennes	Indiana					0
Vincennes	Southside					0
Vincennes	Upper Indiana					0
Washington	Westminster		1,800	600	3,600	6,000
		<u>0</u>	<u>25,497</u>	<u>8,360</u>	<u>51,562</u>	<u>85,418</u>

### Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

### For Presbytery's Information

**The Presbytery Council met October 31, 2023, by videoconference and took the following actions:**

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, and upon recommendation of the Committee on Ministry, designated the Rev. Timothy Jessen and the Rev. Scott Solether as Retired.
2. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a request from the Madison Presbyterian Church for an exemption to G-2.0404, which limits the service of a ruling elder or deacon to six consecutive years, pending approval of the congregation at its meeting on November 5, 2023.
3. Approved the following grant requests from Monroe City Funds:
  - a. Greencastle Presbyterian Church - \$4,500 for community resource room
  - b. First Presbyterian Church, Seymour - \$7,500 for diaper ministry
  - c. Unity Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute - \$7,500 for outdoor worship/gathering space
4. Approved provisional changes to the Presbytery Design and Committee Structure (with a revised Design to be presented in 2024)
  - a. Suspended membership and responsibilities of the Evangelism & Congregational Witness Committee and the Congregational Mission & Vitality Committee, with any necessary

- responsibilities (such as making grants) to continue to be assumed by the Presbytery Council.
- b. Reduced Committee on Preparation for Ministry membership from nine to six.
  5. Voted to recommend that the Presbytery change the designation of the Korean Presbyterian Church from a New Church Development to a Worshipping Community, to be known as “The Korean Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Indiana, a Worshipping Community of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.”
  6. Voted to recommend a 2024 budget for Presbytery approval

### **For Presbytery Action**

1. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley change the designation of the Korean Presbyterian Church from a New Church Development to a Worshipping Community, to be known as “The Korean Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Indiana, a Worshipping Community of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.”

Note: This recommendation comes with the concurrence of the KPC Steering Committee and long-time pastor Rev. Sang Tae Lee, in preparation for Rev. Lee’s retirement next year and the search for new pastoral leadership.

**The Presbytery approved the change in designation to “The Korean Presbyterian Church of Bloomington, Indiana, a Worshipping Community of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.”**

2. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley approve the attached budget for 2024

**The Presbytery, following opportunity for discussion, approved the attached budget for 2024 as presented.**

Presbytery of Ohio Valley  
Proposed Budget Summary  
January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

Description	Proposed 2024 Budget	Change From 2023 Budget	Per Capita	Mission	2023 Budget
<b>INCOME</b>					
Income From All Sources	\$ 428,090	\$ 10,896	\$ 238,590	\$ 189,849	\$ 417,194
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 428,090</b>	<b>\$ 10,896</b>	<b>\$ 238,590</b>	<b>\$ 189,849</b>	<b>\$ 417,194</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>					
Staff and Office Expense	\$ 321,829	\$ 10,419	\$ 171,946	\$ 149,884	\$ 311,410
Other Administrative Costs	\$ 71,590	\$ (2,047)	\$ 71,590	\$ -	\$ 73,637
Meetings & Committees	\$ 4,000	\$ (50)	\$ 3,625	\$ 675	\$ 4,050
Presbytery Programs	\$ 32,000	\$ (500)	\$ 3,000	\$ 29,000	\$ 32,500
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 429,419</b>	<b>\$ 7,822</b>	<b>\$ 250,162</b>	<b>\$ 179,559</b>	<b>\$ 421,597</b>
<b>SURPLUS (DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$ (1,329)</b>	<b>\$ 3,074</b>	<b>\$ (11,572)</b>	<b>\$ 10,290</b>	<b>\$ (4,403)</b>
<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>	<b>\$ 4.85</b>			<b>\$ 50.15</b>

**Presbytery of Ohio Valley****Proposed Budget**

January 1, 2024 - December 31, 2024

	<b>Proposed 2024 Budget</b>	<b>Change From '23 Budget</b>	<b>Per Capita</b>	<b>Mission</b>	<b>2023 Budget</b>	<b>Comment on Changes</b>
<b>INCOME</b>						
Per Capita Giving	238,590	6,245	238,590	-	232,345	Approved by Assembly
Shared Giving from Churches	85,000	-	-	85,000	85,000	
Undesignated Funds Including Int. & Div.	12,000	-	-	12,000	12,000	
Brown Trust Funds	-	(5,349)	-	5,349	5,349	Planned spend down per 2023 budget
First Vincennes Mineral Rights Proceeds	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	-	Release of restrictions on funds
Legacy Funds	70,000	5,000	-	65,000	65,000	Based on projected increase in unrealized earnings
Returned Reimbursements	500	-	-	500	500	
Individual Contributions	15,000	-	-	15,000	15,000	
Assembly Offerings	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>428,090</b>	<b>10,896</b>	<b>238,590</b>	<b>189,849</b>	<b>417,194</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>						
<b>Staff, Office, &amp; Administrative</b>						
EP Salary & Housing	102,693	2,991	51,347	51,347	99,702	Recom. by Personnel; approved by Council
EP Benefits	37,337	1,107	18,669	18,668	36,230	Based on Salary
EP Continuing Education	5,000	-	2,500	2,500	5,000	
EP Professional Expense	3,000	-	1,500	1,500	3,000	
EP Travel	15,000	-	7,500	7,500	15,000	
Stated Clerk Salary & Housing	19,456	567	19,456	-	18,889	Recom. by Personnel; approved by Council
Stated Clerk Cont Ed	1,200	-	1,200	-	1,200	
Stated Clerk Professional Expenses	750	-	750	-	750	
Stated Clerk Travel	3,000	-	3,000	-	3,000	
Contract Staff	7,500	-	-	7,500	7,500	
Consulting & Coaching	8,500	-	-	8,500	8,500	
Administrative Associates Salary & Benefits	56,162	1,636	35,101	21,061	54,526	Recom. by Personnel; approved by Council
Treasurer Salary	14,349	418	14,349	-	13,931	Recom. by Personnel; approved by Council
Treasurer Travel	1,000	-	1,000	-	1,000	
Payroll Tax Expense	6,882	200	5,574	1,308	6,682	Based on Salaries
Office & Administrative Expense	40,000	3,500	10,000	30,000	36,500	Based on activity and current costs
<b>Total Staff and Office Expense</b>	<b>321,829</b>	<b>10,419</b>	<b>171,946</b>	<b>149,884</b>	<b>311,410</b>	

**Ecclesiastical Expenses**

GA Expense	250	250	250	-	-	2024 GA
Moderator's Expense	750	-	750	-	750	
Insurance	4,500	1,500	4,500		3,000	Based on activity and current costs
GA Per Capita	42,512	(3,123)	42,512		45,635	Per GA
Synod Per Capita	16,528	(1,124)	16,528		17,652	Per Synod
Permanent Judicial Commission	500	250	500		250	
Commissions	750	-	750		750	
Outside Accounting Services	5,800	200	5,800		5,600	Based on activity and current costs
<b>Total Other Administrative Costs</b>	<b>71,590</b>	<b>(2,047)</b>	<b>71,590</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>73,637</b>	

**Presbytery Meetings & Committees**

Presbytery Assembly	2,000	-	2,000	-	2,000	
Council	750	-	375	375	750	
Preparation for Ministry	500	-	500		500	
Committee on Ministry	750	250	750		500	Based on current activity
Congregational Mission & Vitality	-	(150)			150	Based on committee structure under review
Evangelism & Congregational Witness	-	(150)			150	Based on committee structure under review
Stewardship	-	-		-	-	
Nominating Committee	-	-	-	-	-	
Trustees	-	-	-	-	-	
<b>Total Meetings &amp; Committees</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>(50)</b>	<b>3,625</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>4,050</b>	

**Presbytery Programs**

Council Program Expenses	1,500	-	-	1,500	1,500	
CPM Program Expenses	1,500	-	1,500		1,500	
COM Program Expenses	2,500	-	1,500	1,000	2,500	
Resource Center Purchases	250	-	-	250	250	
Congregational Mission & Vitality	-	(250)	-	-	250	Based on committee structure under review
Evangelism & Congregational Witness	-	(250)	-	-	250	Based on committee structure under review
Stewardship	250	-	-	250	250	
Clergy Career Development & C/E						
Scholarships	2,000	-	-	2,000	2,000	
Camp Pyoca	24,000	-	-	24,000	24,000	
<b>Total Presbytery Program</b>	<b>32,000</b>	<b>(500)</b>	<b>3,000</b>	<b>29,000</b>	<b>32,500</b>	

**Per Capita Calculations**

January 1, 2024- December 31, 2024

<b>Description</b>	<b>2024 Per Capita</b>	<b>Change</b>	<b>2023 Per Capita</b>
<b>Per Capita Amounts</b>			
Presbytery - Base 2022 Amount, increased by unpaid per capita	\$ 37.51	\$ 4.30	\$ 33.21
Partial Increase due to lost membership and unpaid per capita	\$ 3.88	\$ 0.60	\$ 3.28
Synod	\$ 3.81	\$ -	\$ 3.81
General Assembly	\$ 9.80	\$ (0.05)	\$ 9.85
<b>Total Per Capita</b>	<b>\$ 55.00</b>	<b>\$ 4.85</b>	<b>\$ 50.15</b>
<b>POV Members</b>	<b>\$ 4,338</b>	<b>(295)</b>	<b>\$ 4,633</b>
<b>Income from Per Capita</b>	<b>\$ 238,590</b>	<b>\$ 6,245</b>	<b>\$ 232,345</b>
<b>Per Capita Expense</b>	<b>\$ 250,162</b>	<b>\$ (7,594)</b>	<b>\$ 257,756</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ (11,572)</b>	<b>\$ 13,839</b>	<b>\$ (25,411)</b>

Note: In 2022, 8 churches failed to pay all or part of their Per Capita.

Unpaid Per Capita raises the Per Capita expense for all the other churches in the Presbytery.



## **Committee on Ministry Report**

Elder Mary McClellan and the Rev. Alan Finnan, Co-Moderators

Summary of COM actions, **August 9, 2023**, through **October 31, 2023**.

### **FOR INFORMATION**

At the **September 12, 2023**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:
  - a. **First Presbyterian Church of Bloomfield and the Rev. Hana Elliott** serving as Stated Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/03/2023 to 09/02/2024	30hrs/wk	\$22,500	\$25,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,000	Yes

2. Approved **the Rev. Timothy Jessen's** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired, and forwarded the recommendation to the Presbytery Council for action
3. Approved **the Rev. Scott Solether's** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired, and forwarded the recommendation to the Presbytery Council for action

At the **October 31, 2023**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:
  - a. **Rehoboth Presbyterian Church of Laconia and the Rev. Robert Brill** serving as Stated Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
10/02/2023 to 10/02/2024	10 hrs/wk	\$1,000/month	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

- b. **Salem Presbyterian Church of Salem and Elder Richard Clark** serving as Commissioned Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/01/2023 to 08/31/2024	10 hrs/wk	\$6,039.50	\$6,039.50	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	\$300	No

- c. **Patoka Presbyterian Church of Patoka and the Rev. William Morris** serving as Ecumenical Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2024 to 12/31/2024	10 hrs/wk	N/A	\$12,036	Vch.IRS rate- \$5,500 est	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	No

2. Actions taken regarding **the Rev. Jeff Howard**, Honorably Retired:
  - a. Received Jeff Howard as a member of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, effective November 3, 2023.
  
3. Actions taken regarding **the Rev. Susan Moorefield** as Holistic Well-Being Coordinator for **St. Mary-of-the-Woods** of **St. Mary-of-the-Woods, IN**:
  - a. Approved her work as a validated ministry
  - b. Received Susan Moorefield as a member of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, effective November 6, 2023.
  
4. Actions taken regarding **Ruling Elder Rob Henson**:
  - a. Received a report from the Committee on Preparation for Ministry that Ruling Elder Rob Henson has satisfied the requirements of G-2.1002 to be certified to receive a commission to particular pastoral service
  - b. Received a request from the Session of the Main Street Presbyterian Church, Petersburg, that he be commissioned to particular pastoral service in and for that congregation.
  - c. Approved the match between Elder Henson and the Main Street Session, and agreed to present him to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley at its November 16 Assembly for examination and commissioning.
  - d. Approved the following Commissioned Pastor Agreement, if the way be clear:

**Main Street Presbyterian Church of Petersburg and Elder Rob Henson serving as Commissioned Pastor**

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
11/16/2023 to 12/31/2023	Part-time	\$45,052.80*	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	N/A	No

\*Pro-rated for this time period. A new agreement will be presented for 2024.

**FOR ACTION**

1. That Ruling Elder Rob Henson be examined by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and commissioned to particular pastoral service in and for the Main Street Presbyterian Church, Petersburg.

The Rev. Alan Finnan presented Ruling Elder Rob Henson to the Moderator to be recognized and stand for examination. Following a period of examination, Rev. Finnan moved that the examination be sustained and that Ruling Elder Rod Henson be commissioned to particular pastoral service in and for the Main Street Presbyterian Church, Petersburg.

**The Presbytery voted in the affirmative and Rob was approved.**

The Moderator, Rev. Martinez, asked Rob the appropriate commissioning questions. Rob answered in the affirmative, and his commissioning was sealed by prayer. Rev. McGhee reminded Rob that he now had voice and vote in the Assembly.

## **Nominating Committee Report**

The Rev. Deborah Fortel, Moderator

\*denotes second term

### **Part One: Service to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley**

**Presbytery Moderator:** Elder Beth Snyder (First, Jeffersonville)

**Presbytery Vice Moderator:** Rev. Wendy VanderZee

#### **Presbytery Council At-Large Members:**

**Class of 2024:** Rev. Karen McDonald Smith

**Class of 2025:** Elder Karen Walker (Unity, Terre Haute) \*  
Rev. Cheryl Thorne

#### **Board of Trustees:**

**Class of 2026:** Rev. Elizabeth Kirkpatrick \*

#### **Committee on Ministry:**

**Co-Moderators:** Rev. Alan Finnan  
Rev. Cindy Cushman

**Class of 2026:** Rev. Alan Finnan \*  
Elder Craig Hanks (First, Sullivan)  
Elder Karen Walker (Unity, Terre Haute)  
Elder William Henderson (First, Mt. Vernon) \*

#### **Committee on Preparation for Ministry:**

**Moderator:** Elder Gary Crow (First, Bloomington)

**Class of 2024:** Elder Lucy Lane (First, Jeffersonville)

**Class of 2026:** Elder Gary Crow (First, Bloomington) \*

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#### **Note:**

In consultation with the Nominating Committee, the Presbytery Council approved the following provisional changes to the Presbytery Design and Committee Structure (with a revised Design to be presented in 2024)

- a. Suspended membership and responsibilities of the Evangelism & Congregational Witness Committee and the Congregational Mission & Vitality Committee, with any necessary responsibilities (such as making grants) to continue to be assumed by the Presbytery Council.
- b. Reduced Committee on Preparation for Ministry membership from nine to six.

## **Part Two: Service to the Larger Church**

### **Commissioners to the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)**

**Minister Principal:** Rev. Hana Elliott  
**Minister Alternate:** Rev. Cindy Cushman  
**Elder Principal:** Elder William Henderson (First, Mt. Vernon)  
**Elder Alternate:** Elder Mick Finch (St. John, New Albany)

### **Commissioners to the Synod of Lincoln Trails Class of 2026**

**Elder Principal:** Elder Alejandra Haddad (United, Bloomington)  
**Elder Alternate:** Elder Janet Huber Lowry (Hanover)  
**Minister Principal:** Rev. John VanderZee  
**Minister Alternate:** Rev. Scott Seay

### **Standard Ordination Exam Readers**

**Class of 2026:** Elder Gary Crow (First, Bloomington)  
Rev. Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard

### **Nominees to the Pyoca Board of Directors (for its election):**

**Class of 2026:** Rev. Samantha Smith  
Elder Karen Goodwell (St. John, New Albany)

**The Presbytery elected the presented slate of nominees to the various positions.**

## **Recess for the Annual Meeting of the Corporation**

Moderator Martinez recessed the meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.

## **Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.**

The Rev. David Crittenden, President

President Crittenden opened the meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc. with prayer at 11:00am.

The minutes of the last Corporation meeting were included in the minutes of the November 17, 2022, meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley Presbytery.

President Crittenden presented the slate of officers for 2024 for the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc., as follows:

President: David Crittenden  
Secretary: Joe Kimmel (by virtue of office as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery)

Treasurer: Jean Brown (by virtue of office as Treasurer of the Presbytery)  
Chief Executive Officer: Susan McGhee (by virtue of office as Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery)

**Following discussion, the Corporation elected the presented slate of officers.**

President Crittenden entertained a motion that all actions of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley since the last meeting of the Corporation be considered as actions of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc. It was moved and seconded.

**The Corporation approved the motion.**

President Crittenden entertained a motion that the Officers and Board of Directors of the Corporation be authorized to review, correct and approve the minutes of this meeting of the Corporation. It was moved and seconded.

**The Corporation approved the motion.**

President Crittenden adjourned the meeting of the Corporation with prayer at 11:00am.

### **Presbytery of Ohio Valley Reconvened**

Moderator Martinez reconvened the stated meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

### **Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center**

Mike Davis, Director

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Mike Davis – Executive Director, Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.

10-23-2023

### **Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. Receives \$451,505 Grant from Lilly Endowment Inc. to Launch Innovative Day Camp Program for Local Youth**

Brownstown, IN – Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, Inc. is thrilled to announce that it has been awarded a generous grant of \$451,505 from Lilly Endowment Inc. This grant will play a pivotal role in launching an exciting new day camp program for local youth.

The program is being funded through Lilly Endowment's initiative, Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana. The aim of the competitive initiative is to help youth-serving organizations working throughout Indiana improve their abilities to promote the academic, physical, and social well-being of young people, ages five through 18.

Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, located in Brownstown, Indiana, has been providing transformative outdoor experiences and fostering personal growth for generations of young people. With the support of Lilly Endowment, Pyoca is poised to expand its impact and reach even more youth in the region.

The grant will enable Pyoca to create and sustain an innovative day camp program that will serve as a safe, engaging, and enriching environment for local youth. This program will offer a wide range of activities, including:

1. **Outdoor Adventures:** Opportunities for hiking, rock climbing, canoeing, and exploring the beautiful natural surroundings of Pyoca and the Jackson-Washington State Forest.
2. **Team Building:** Leadership development and team-building exercises to enhance interpersonal skills and self-confidence.
3. **Environmental Education:** Hands-on learning experiences that foster an appreciation for the environment and sustainability.
4. **Arts and Crafts:** Creative activities that encourage self-expression and imagination.
5. **Personal Growth:** Activities focused on resilience, mental health, and personal development.

"We are immensely grateful to Lilly Endowment for their generous support of our vision to create a day camp program that will serve local youth," said Mike Davis, Executive Director at Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center. "We are always seeking ways to serve our local community and this grant will enable us to do so in a meaningful way, working with community partners to provide a positive and transformative experience tailored to our local youth, helping them build character, develop leadership skills, and forge lasting friendships while connecting with the outdoors."

Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center is one of 187 organizations receiving grants through Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana.

"Indiana's youth-serving organizations are crucial to the healthy development of children and youth across the state," said Ted Maple, Lilly Endowment's vice president for education. "The challenges these organizations have faced in meeting the needs of young people in recent years have made their work increasingly difficult. Lilly Endowment is pleased to support their efforts to strengthen programs and serve more youth more effectively."

Lilly Endowment launched the Strengthening Youth Programs in Indiana Initiative in 2022 with an invitational round of grants to nine national youth-serving organizations to help them expand and enhance the work of their Indiana affiliates or chapters.

About Lilly Endowment Inc.:

Lilly Endowment Inc. is a private foundation created in 1937 by J.K. Lilly Sr. and his sons Eli and J.K. Jr. through gifts of stock in their pharmaceutical business, Eli Lilly and Company. While those gifts remain the financial bedrock of the Endowment, it is a separate entity from the company, with a distinct governing board, staff and location. Although the Endowment funds

programs throughout the United States, especially in the field of religion, it maintains a special commitment to its hometown, Indianapolis, and home state, Indiana.

About Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center, Inc.:

Founded in 1952, Pyoca's mission is to be a place where all are welcome in God's love to explore, grow, rest, and play. Camp is a space set apart for our greater community to explore God's call for their lives, grow in faith, rest in Creation, and play with a purpose. We serve as a year-round summer camp and retreat center, offering a variety of annual programs, as well as hosting rental groups. The core of our mission is focused on our summer camp and youth programming. Pyoca (pie-oh-ca), or PYOCA, is an acronym of the original name, "Presbyterian Youth Camp of Brownstown, Indiana." Pyoca is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and in 2022 became an independent non-profit corporation.

For media inquiries or interviews, please contact Executive Director Mike Davis at [mike@pyoca.org](mailto:mike@pyoca.org) or (812) 358-3413.

### **Speak-Out Session**

Members and friends of the assembly shared news and announcements.

### **Report of the Executive Presbyter**

The Rev. Susan McGhee

#### **Of note since my report in October, 2022**

**Support and Guidance for the Committee on Ministry:** Much of my work involves items related to the COM and the pastoral search process. This has become increasingly time-consuming due to the large number of pastoral transitions

#### **Items Related to the Committee on Ministry:**

- Serve as advisory member of the Committee on Ministry
  - Work with co-moderators to prepare agendas & meeting packets
  - Attend COM meetings to provide input, advice, ask questions, and receive direction
  - Review minutes
- Pastoral Vacancies: Transitional / Bridge Pastor Search
  - Consult with pastors prior to announcement to leave
  - W/ co-moderators, appoint COM Liaisons
  - W/ Liaison, consult with sessions once announcement is made
  - W/ Stated Clerk & others, recruit and elect Moderator of Session
  - Arrange to preach after pastor's departure
  - Provide support in the formation and training of transitional pastor search committee

- W/ Liaison, provide feedback on transitional pastor MIF/MDP, and seek COM approval
  - Perform matches on Church Leadership Connection
  - W/ Liaison, track progress of transitional pastor search
  - Perform Executive reference check on potential candidates
  - Authorize Stated Clerk to conduct criminal background checks
  - Arrange for COM Interview Teams to meet w/ potential candidates
  - Review Transitional Pastor Agreements and present to COM for approval
- Pastoral Vacancies: Installed Pastor Search
    - W/ Liaison, consult with Transitional Pastor and Session re: formation of PNC
    - Seek COM approval for election of PNC
    - Provide guidance in selection and election of PNC nominees
    - Train PNCs, inviting Liaison and Transitional Pastor
    - W/ Liaison, provide feedback on MIF/MDP, and seek COM approval
    - Perform matches on Church Leadership Connection
    - W/ Liaison, track progress of pastor search
    - Perform Executive reference check on potential candidates
    - Authorize Stated Clerk to conduct criminal background checks
    - W/ Liaison, arrange for COM Interview Teams to meet w/ potential candidates
    - Review Terms of Call and present to COM for approval
    - Arrange for COM support for Congregational meeting to elect the pastor
    - Work with new pastor and presbytery moderator to arrange for installation

#### Items of Note related to Pastoral Leadership October 2022 – October 2023

- Successful conclusion of pastoral search process
  - First, Evansville (Anna von Winckler as Transitional Pastor)
  - United, Bloomington (Cheryl Montgomery as Transitional Pastor)
  - First, Brazil (Alan Finnan as Bridge Pastor)
  - First, Jeffersonville (Karen McDonald Smith as Bridge Pastor)
  - First, Mt. Vernon (Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard as Pastor)
  - Madison (Karen VanderPloeg as Pastor)
  - Mt. Tabor (Sue Trigger as Pastor)
- Support and guidance in the ecclesiastical transition of Scott Seay from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
- Facilitating and participating in several installations:
  - Ryan Bradney at Eastminster, Evansville
  - Karen VanderPloeg at Madison
  - Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard at First, Mt. Vernon

#### Korean Presbyterian Church:

The Korean Presbyterian Church (KPC) is a New Church Development (NCD) within the bounds of our presbytery. They meet on Sunday afternoons for worship at First, Bloomington. It has been an NCD for over twenty-five years, and there is little likelihood that the church will



become a chartered congregation. Pastor Sang Tae Lee and I met earlier this year about his plans to retire in June of 2024. The Committee on Ministry gave the Steering Committee permission to begin working with me in a pastoral search process before Rev. Lee's retirement.

With the Steering Committee's permission, I am consulting with the Rev. Jihyun Oh, Director of Mid Council Ministries for OGA, and other Korean American leaders, both to better understand the culture of Korean Presbyterians, especially as related to pastoral searches, and to identify a pool of potential candidates. I am also in conversation with the appropriate persons in the Board of Pensions and the Presbytery Mission Agency to explore grant possibilities.

**Other Committee Support and Guidance:** In addition to COM, I am an advisory member of

- Committee on Preparation for Ministry: work with moderator to schedule meetings, attend meetings and offer advice as needed, consult in matters pertaining to candidates and inquirers as requested, take minutes.
- Nominating Committee: work with moderator to schedule meetings and prepare final report to presbytery, attend and provide input at committee meetings, recruit potential leaders as requested, monitor mid-year vacancies and consult with moderator to fill them. This year we had several major vacancies to fill, including several committee moderators. Everyone we asked said YES.
- Stewardship Committee: work with moderator to schedule meetings, attend meetings and offer assistance as requested
- Board of Trustees: work with president to schedule meetings, refer requests concerning the sale or lease of church property to president, advise (along with stated clerk and treasurer) as needed
- Evangelism and Congregational Witness & Congregational Mission and Vitality Committees: working with moderators to combine committee work
- Personnel Committee: work with moderator to schedule meetings, serve as head of staff, offer reflections on my work each year, conduct annual reviews with staff, assist in other ways as requested

**Presbytery Council:** I enjoy my service as Moderator of the Council. Of note this year:

- Continued monthly meetings by Zoom, enabling the Council to be more responsive and efficient in addressing requests, needs, concerns, and opportunities.
- Continued use of Monroe City Grants and Legacy Funds to help congregations offer significant ministry to their local communities.
- Scheduling and setting the format for presbytery assemblies, including our first all-in-person assemblies (yay!) at Pyoca on May 25 and Mitchell on August 19.
- Working with Joe Kimmel and the Commissioners to the 225<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (Felipe Martinez and Mary McClellan) to develop a fair and efficient way to act on the thirty-some proposed amendments to the Constitution of the PC(USA)

**Church Closings:** This year, the presbytery is working to dissolve one congregation at their request: Bethany (Vincennes). **Jean Brown** and **Joe Kimmel** have worked closely with me and have been instrumental in these projects, which include

- Consult with sessions and congregations when a request is made to close a church
- Recruit, train, and support Administrative Commissions, and assumed original jurisdiction if necessary.
- Provide pastoral and liturgical care
- Prepare proper resolutions for Council approval
- File appropriate paperwork with the state and federal governments
- Manage remaining assets and settle any remaining liabilities
- Provide for care, maintenance, and insurance of church buildings until they are sold
- Work with realtor / auctioneer to sell closed church buildings
- Sort through session records, preparing and shipping to the Presbyterian Historical Society
- Sort through financial records, retaining what is necessary
- Work with Presbytery's Attorney to wind up the affairs and dissolve the corporation

**March 31 Tornados:** First, Martinsville, suffered significant damage to its steeple and sanctuary, and they continue to worship in their fellowship hall while repairs are being made. The town of Sullivan and the surrounding county was devastated, though the church building was unharmed. I was able to work with Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and the Presbytery Council to make a swift response. Both John Erickson and Dawn Black proclaimed the Word at our May Assembly with such grace and faith and hope! We need to be with both congregations for the long haul, as recovery will take quite some time.

**Church Leadership Connection Revision:** A major area of my work this year involved (and still involves) a comprehensive revision of the Church Leadership Connection (CLC) system. While the revision is needed, I and many mid council leaders have expressed frustration for the way the new system was rolled out with inadequate support and training. As the prime point of connection between the CLC and our local congregations and pastors, mid council leaders were unprepared to coach Pastor Nominating Committees, Clerks of Session, Committee on Ministry Liaisons, and Call Seekers as they struggled to navigate their way through the process.

Progress is being made, but there is still much work to be done. EPs in the Synod of Lincoln Trails are trying to be a part of the solution by developing and producing training videos for PNCs, Clerks of Session, and COM Liaisons. Rebecca Blair in SE Illinois and I are working with CLC to make these videos available nationally.

In addition, Rebecca Blair, Jennifer Burns Lewis (Wabash Valley), and I are working on a Regional Call Finder System. This is not intended to replace CLC, but rather to create a nimbler way for churches to search more regionally for pastors, as well as for non-ordained positions that often are not able to use the CLC system.

**Collaboration with Indiana Presbytery Execs:** Jennifer Burns Lewis (Wabash Valley), Alan Thames (Whitewater Valley), and I continued to work closely together this year. This year's highlights:

- Developed a proposal for and received support from the Smock Foundation for Rest & Renewal Grants in the amount of \$2,000 each for pastors, chaplains, and other validated ministers. With technical support from Rhonda Seymour, the application and approval process was a breeze.
- In response to the difficulty in finding transitional pastors, especially in our smaller congregations, contracted with Deborah Fortel and David Sawyer to develop and train presbytery consultants to lead congregations in a 3-module mission study called “Crossroads” to encourage “faithful imagination to move from past into future.” Congregational discussions are designed to prepare the church to call a pastor who can effectively fit the identity and purpose identified in these meetings. Ohio Valley is piloting the program in several churches before more formal training will be offered to ministers and elders selected by the COM leadership.
- Organized Healthy Boundaries Training sessions throughout the state, with three in-person sessions led by a member of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery, and two on-line sessions hosted by the Chicago Presbytery. Once again, Rhonda’s tech skills made the registration process simple.
- Collaborating with each other and our attorney to update presbytery policies (sexual ethics and others)
- Alan Thames will retire from his position December 31, 2023. The Rev. Erin McGee will become the transitional presbytery leader in January 2024. Jennifer and I will miss our collaboration with Alan, and hope that we can begin to do good work with Erin.

**Smock Foundation:** Bylaws have been written. The current Distribution Advisory Committee (DAC) will soon transition to the Board of Directors of a multimillion-dollar corporation that provides nearly \$900,000 in grants to individuals, congregations, and presbyteries in Indiana. As a member of the DAC along with Alicia Holt, I have assisted in the development and promotion of online applications, attended monthly meetings, reviewed and considered grant requests, and helped with developing bylaws and working toward the incorporation of the Smock Foundation. The work, as I said last year, has required both diligence and vigilance. That hard work has paid off, and our most fruitful and faithful years are ahead.

**Other Items of Note:**

- Increased return to church visits, preaching, and sacramental ministry
- Enjoying meals and visits with individual pastors and groups of pastors
- Continued conversation with leadership of Pyoca, Whitewater Valley, and Ohio Valley, which is leading to a clarification of our relationships as Pyoca transitions to incorporation as its own entity.
- Significant collaboration and collegiality with other mid-council leaders throughout our church
- Monthly meetings of judicatory executives in Indiana for collegiality and support
- Using the networks that I have developed and maintained to identify and recruit trained and experienced interim pastors for congregations in the Presbytery

- Continued support for pastors during painful/stressful transitions.
- Engaging, as requested, in conversations with sessions about their buildings.
- The continued use of Zoom for videoconferences when appropriate, saving money and travel time.
- Continued connections with pastors, sessions and congregations around the presbytery, offering support, counsel, and presbytery resources.
- The fourteenth year of a presbytery staff working well and working well together.

**What I hope I can list as a highlight this time next year:**

- Completion of matters related to the dissolution of Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes
- Additional collaboration with the Execs in Wabash Valley and Whitewater Valley Presbyteries
- A revised Presbytery Design and Committee Structure
- Additional opportunities for face-to-face encounters with pastors, sessions, and congregations.
- A newly-trained permanent judicial commission in light of the revised Church Discipline section of the Book of Order.
- Completion of GA-mandated policies for Mid Councils
- Indiana-wide use of the “Crossroads” process for churches in pastoral transition
- Significant progress in the Church Leadership Connection system revision, including bug fixes and effective training for PNCs, Clerks of Sessions, COM Liaisons, and Call Seekers.
- Successful completion and/or significant progress with current pastoral searches

**Service to the larger church:**

- Vice-President / President-Elect of the Association of Mid Council Leaders, Inc. (AMCL). In this role, I drafted a letter on behalf of AMCL Officers to the Presbyteries’ Cooperative Committee on Ordination Exams (PCC) in the wake of church-wide concern for the PCC’s choice to use Judges 19:1-30 for the Winter Biblical Exegesis Exam. The PCC has invited church leaders to a consultation in Chicago October 18. I’ll be flying to O’Hare following the Personnel Committee meeting today.
- Member of the Search Committee for the Director of General Assembly Planning
- Participation in the Synod’s EP Collegium, including leadership in the COM/CPM Event in Champaign, Illinois this spring and as a member of the design team for the Synod’s New Pastors’ Program to be rolled out in the fall of 2024.

**New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Presbytery.

**Offering and Prayers**

The Rev. Susan McGhee led the offering and pastoral prayers.

### **The Assembly at Worship**

The Rev. Felipe Martinez called the Assembly to Worship.

Rev. Martinez preached on the Luke 6:20-30 scripture, reading from the “First Nations Version,” a version that gives “an Indigenous Translation of the New Testament.” Of note, “Jesus” is translated as “Creator” in the First Nations version. Rev. Martinez spoke of the sense that Jesus may have preached the same sermon as he traveled around, thus having a “Traveling Sermon.” Rev. Martinez illustrated this with his own use of a “Traveling Sermon” as he has traveled around the Presbytery. One of the points being that the message of Jesus can be and is the same as the message of the “Creator” is shared.

### **Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper**

The Rev. Susan McGhee celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, with the presbytery participating with food and drink from their own homes.

### **Installation of Moderator and Vice-Moderator**

The moderator invited Elder Beth Snyder and the Rev. Wendy Vanderzee to be installed as the moderator and the vice-moderator, respectively, for the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for 2024. The current moderator, the Rev. Felipe Martinez, asked of both the questions to install presbytery leaders, to which they answered in affirmative. The Assembly also answered the questions of its acceptance of Beth as moderator and Wendy as vice-moderator in the affirmative.

### **Recognition of Outgoing Moderator**

The Rev. Susan McGhee and Elder Joe Kimmel gave thanks for the service of the Rev. Felipe Martinez as the moderator of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for 2023. The Presbytery “waved their hands” in recognition of Felipe’s service.

### **Adjournment with Closing Litany**

The Moderator and the Moderator-elect adjourned the meeting at 12:05pm with the closing prayer liturgy.

The next Stated Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley will be Saturday, February 24, 2024, held by Zoom videoconference.

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Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk

The Rev. Larry Langer, Recording Clerk

# Appendix

## Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

The Rev. Hana Elliott, Moderator

Marietta Macy was released from the care of our presbytery following her ordination to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament by West Virginia Presbytery at First Presbyterian Church in Charleston, WV on September 30, 2023.

Rob Henson was certified ready to receive a pastoral commission at our meeting on October 23, 2023.

Jerusha Van Camp remains a candidate under our care. Please keep her in prayer as she completes her seminary education.

### **2024 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 (i.e., by January 10 for churches listed for February), please send a paragraph or two telling a little about your church or organization – size and activities, location and neighborhood, special programs, history, and anything else that would help others in the presbytery get a better sense of who and where you are. Also send us any joys you'd like to share or prayer requests for your church activities or programs. 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](mailto:office@presbyteryov.org). Call 866-344-7853 for more information.

November 19	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff	December 10	POV Validated Ministries
November 26	Hanover College	December 17	All serving in the military
October 29	South Side, Vincennes	December 24	(Christmas Eve) Peace on Earth
December 3	Agencies of the PC(USA)	December 31	POV Candidates and Inquirers

The Prayer Partners Calendar for 2024 will be published in December 2023.