

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Docket for Assembly: February 8, 2025
Video Conference via Zoom
The Rev. Wendy VanderZee, Moderator
Elder Jim Exline, Vice Moderator
Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk
10:00am ET/9:00am CT

Declaration of Quorum

Call to Order: Wendy VanderZee

Morning Prayer: Susan McGhee and José Luis Casal

Introductory Business

Welcome

Technology Review: Rhonda Seymour

Introduction of New Members: Joe Kimmel

Seating of Corresponding Members: Joe Kimmel

Consent Agenda

Minutes of 11.21.24 Assembly; Docket; Stated Clerk's Report

Report of the Presbytery Council: Susan McGhee

Report of the Committee on Ministry: Cindy Cushman

Retirement of the Rev. Scott Hookey, effective 04.01.25

Greetings from Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center: Mike Davis

Consideration of Items from the 226th General Assembly (for Assembly Education Only)

- Proposed Amendments to the Constitution
- Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries
Education led by Dr. Rebecca Blair,
Lead Presbyter for Transformation and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Southeastern Illinois
and Moderator of the General Assembly Advisory Committee on the Constitution
Note: We will not debate or vote on these proposals until our May 22 Assembly.

New Business

Prayers and Offerings

Adjournment with Closing Litany

Stated Clerk's Report

Elder Joe Kimmel

A. Teaching Elder Changes since August Assembly:

- **Ministers Received:**
 1. 01/19/2025 - Lee Reberger received as a Temporary Member (United Church of Christ)
- **Ministers Dismissed:**
 1. None
- **Minister Deaths:**
 1. Bill Rumsey passed away August 9, 2024

B. Churches with 5-Year Anniversaries ---- 2025:

Church	Founded	Anniversary
Greencastle, Greencastle	08/21/1825	200
Hanover, Hanover	03/04/1820	205
Jeffersonville, First	05/22/1830	195
Madison, Madison	11/19/1815	210
Mitchell, Mitchell	01/23/1855	170
Nabb, Nabb	12/05/1885	140
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship	04/17/2005	20
Paoli, First	09/10/1825	200
Roachdale, Roachdale	11/22/1890	135
Seymour, First	04/29/1855	170
Spencer, Spencer	02/27/1870	155
Terre Haute, Unity	03/16/2000	25
Vernon, Vernon	01/01/1825	200

C. **Clerk of Session Training:** Some churches have requested some training be provided for new Clerks of Session. This can be scheduled. I need to know which churches are interested. I ask that Session Clerks interested in such training, please email me and let me know. My email address is joe@presbyteryov.org

D. **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>

E. Assembly Dates for 2025:

- Saturday, February 8, 2025 (Zoom)
- Thursday, May 22, 2025 (Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center)
- Saturday, August 23, 2025 (likely *in-person*)
- Thursday, November 20, 2025 (likely by Zoom)

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

The Presbytery Council met by Zoom Videoconference December 10, 2024

- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Richard Safford as Moderator of Session for Scipio Presbyterian Church, effective immediately
- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Alan Finnan as Moderator of Session for First Presbyterian Church, Brazil 01.01.25 – 01.18.25
- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, appointed Alan Finnan as Moderator of Session for Unity Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute
- Approved a three-year pledge to Pyoca's capital campaign in the amount of \$15,000 annually

The Presbytery Council met by Zoom Videoconference January 14, 2025

- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, installed Elder Jim Exline as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley
- Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, commissioned Ruling Elder Alan Harder to moderate a congregational meeting at Cayuga Presbyterian Church, January 19, 2025
- Discussed the format for the February 8 Assembly

Committee on Ministry Report

The Rev. Alan Finnan and the Rev. Cindy Cushman, Co-Moderators

Summary of COM actions, **November 13, 2024**, through **January 29, 2025**.

FOR INFORMATION

At the **December 10, 2024**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following action:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

a. **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
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	Full time	\$46,440	\$30,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,100	Yes

Military duty to be counted as time worked.

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
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	Part time – approx. 10hrs/wk	\$6,039.50	\$6,039.50	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1300	No

c. **Mitchell Presbyterian Church of Mitchell** and **Byron Buker** serving as extended pulpit supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	Every Sunday as avail.	\$175/wk	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

d. **First Avenue Presbyterian Church of Evansville** and **the Rev. Eugene Feagan** serving as ecumenical supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	Part time – approx. 16hrs/wk	\$19,396	N/A	Vch.IRS rate – est. \$2,600	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$400	No

e. **Community Presbyterian Church of Charlestown** and **the Rev. James Martin** serving as extended pulpit supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	N/A	\$40/hr	N/A	Vch.IRS rate*	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

*Plus transponder fee

At the **January 14, 2025**, 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 pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
10/24/2024 to 10/24/2025	Part time – approx. 10hrs/wk	\$1,000/month	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	N/A	No

b. **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
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	Part time – approx. 15hrs/wk	\$21,294*	\$12,556	Vch.IRS rate – est. \$5,000	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$710	No

*Up to 100% may be designated as housing

c. **First Presbyterian Church of Fort Branch and the Rev. Corey Atkins** serving as ecumenical supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
01/01/2025 to 12/31/2025	Part time – approx. 20hrs/wk	\$34,500	Manse	Vch.IRS rate – est. \$1,300	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$600	No

d. **United Presbyterian Church of Bloomington and the Rev. Carol Barrett** serving as stated supply pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
02/01/2025 to 01/31/2026	Part time – approx. 20hrs/wk	\$30,000	N/A	Vch.IRS rate – est. \$5,000	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,500	Yes

2. Approved **the Rev. Scott Hookey's** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired as of April 1, 2025

FOR ACTION

1. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley grant the status of Retired to the Rev. Scott Hookey, effective April 1, 2025.

2025 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. Call 866-344-7853 for more information.

February 9	First, Martinsville	July 27	Presbyterian Youth Triennium
February 16	First, Mount Vernon	August 3	Spencer
February 23	Synod of Lincoln Trails	August 10	First, Sullivan
March 2	Brown County Fellowship, Nashville	August 17	Central, Terre Haute
March 9	Mt. Tabor, New Albany	August 24	Unity, Terre Haute
March 16	POV Presbyterian Women	August 31	Presbyterian Seminaries
March 23	St. John United, New Albany	September 7	Emergency & Disaster Responders
March 30	Trinity, New Washington	September 14	United, Clinton
April 6	Graham, North Vernon	September 21	First, Montezuma
April 13	First, Paoli	September 28	Memorial, Rockville
April 20	Easter (Your own congregation)	October 5	World Communion Sunday
April 27	Patoka	October 12	Vernon
May 4	Patoka, Union Bethel	October 19	Caledonia, Vevay
May 11	Main Street, Petersburg	October 26	Indiana, Vincennes
May 18	Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center	November 2	Upper Indiana, Vincennes
May 25	Fairview, Princeton	November 9	Westminster, Washington
June 1	Princeton	November 16	Hunger and Homelessness
June 8	Churches searching for Pastoral Leadership	November 23	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff
June 15	Roachdale	November 30	Hanover College
June 22	Retired Ministers living in POV	December 7	Agencies of the PC(USA)
June 29	Salem	December 14	POV Validated Ministries
July 6	United, Scipio	December 21	All serving in the military
July 13	First, Scottsburg	December 28	Peace on Earth
July 20	First, Seymour		