# The Presbytery of Ohio Valley Minutes for the Assembly: May 25, 2023

Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center Rev. Felipe Martinez, Moderator Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk

## **Call to Order**

The Moderator, The Rev. Felipe Martinez, called the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to order and worship with prayer at 10:00 am EDT. The Stated Clerk, Elder Joe Kimmel, declared that a quorum was present, as indicated by the role 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.

<u>Ministers</u>		<b>Church</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	(P)	Brownstown, First
Bradney, Ryan	(E)	Evansville, Eastminster
Brand, Cal	(P)	Honorably Retired
Brill, Bob	(P)	Central, Valley City/Laconia, Rehoboth
Clark, Andrew	(A)	Member-at-Large
Colwell, Allen	(P)	New Albany, St John United
Cover, Jeff	(E)	Honorably Retired
Cramer, James	(E)	Honorably Retired
Crittenden, David	(P)	Honorably Retired
Cushman, Cindy	(P)	Corydon, Corydon
Dennis, Phillip	(E)	Member-at-Large
DeWitt, Molly	(P)	Brownstown, Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center
Elliott, Hana	(P)	Bloomfield, First
Erickson, Eric	(E)	Honorably Retired
Erickson, John	(P)	Martinsville, First
Finnan, Alan	(E)	Honorably Retired

<u>Ministers</u>		<u>Church</u>
Flucke, Aaron	(A)	Lexington, Lexington
Fortel, Deborah	(P)	Honorably Retired
Fox, Kathleen	(E)	Honorably Retired
FrizLanger, Martha	(P)	Honorably Retired
Frost, Randall	(E)	Honorably Retired
Gladney, Eugene	(E)	Honorably Retired
Grimm, Tommy	(P)	Bloomington, First
Hainer, Frank	(E)	Honorably Retired
Harmon, Frank	(E)	Vincennes, Indiana
Harper, Cheri	(A)	Presbyterian Women
Haw, Ann	(E)	Honorably Retired
Hookey, Scott	(E)	Seymour, First
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	(E)	Bloomington, First
Jessen, Timothy	(P)	Member-at-Large
Keeney, William	(E)	Honorably Retired
Kendall, Wes	(A)	Greencastle, Greencastle
King, Rick	(E)	Honorably Retired
Kirkpatrick, Elizabeth	(E)	Columbus, Fairlawn
Knight, Jo Ann	(E)	Member-at-Large
Knott, Catherine	(E)	Hanover, Hanover College
Langer, Larry	(P)	Mount Vernon, First
Lasher, Martha	(A)	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)	New Albany, Mount Tabor
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
O'Neill, Shane	(E)	Honorably Retired
Peters, Linda	(P)	Honorably Retired

<u>Ministers</u>		<u>Church</u>
Poole-Adams, Vicki	(A)	Member-at-Large
Porter, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired
Riggins, Mike	(E)	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	(E)	Honorably Retired
Samsell, Sharon	(A)	Terre Haute, Indiana State University
Scroggins, Gary	(P)	Honorably Retired
Smith, Sammie	(P)	Evansville, Deaconess Hospital
Solether, 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
Thiessen, Heather	(P)	
Thorne, Cheryl	(P)	Washington, Westminster
Tracy, Doug	(E)	Honorably Retired
Turner, Bob	(E)	Paoli, First
VanderPloeg, Karen	(P)	Madison, Madison
VanderZee, John	(P)	Honorably Retired
VanderZee, Wendy	(P)	Honorably Retired
Veliquette, Roger	(P)	Hanover, Hanover
von Winckler, Anna	(E)	Evansville, First
Walden-Fisher, Beth	(P)	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	(A)	Louisville, Amedysis Hospice Agency
Temporary Minister		
of Presbytery	( <b>D</b> )	Church
Seay, Scott	(P)	Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
Ministers, Other Denomination		Church
Other Denomination	(4)	Church Scinio Scinio
Artis, Amy	(A)	Scipio, Scipio Fort Branch, First
Atkins, Corey	(A)	Fort Branch, First
Bower, David	(A)	Roachdale, Roachdale

#### Ministers,

## Other Denomination Church

Feagan, Gene (A) Evansville, First Avenue

Morris, William (A) Patoka, Patoka

White, Pete (A) Vincennes, Upper Indiana

# **Commissioned**

# Pastors Church

Clark, Richard (P) Salem, Salem

Doll, Larry (A) Vincennes, South Side Finch, Mick (P) Southern Hills Parish Turner, John (A) Farmersburg, First

# **Church Commissioner**

Church	Commissioner	
Bedford, First	Commissioner	(A)
Bloomfield, First	David Holt	(P)
Bloomington, First	Sue Connell	(P)
Bloomington, United	Stephanie Worden	(P)
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	(E)
Columbus, Fairlawn	Linda Brown	(A)
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 Irmscher	(A)
Evansville, First	Gary Morris	(A)
Evansville, First Avenue	David Pfettscher	(A)
Farmersburg, First	James Sharpe	(A)
Fort Branch, First	Commissioner	(A)
Greencastle, Greencastle	Lynne Ayres	(A)
Hanover, Hanover	Janet Lowry	(P)
Henryville, Community	Janet Mullins	(P)
Henryville, Mount Lebanon	Marianna Dietrich	(P)
Jeffersonville, First	Beth Snyder	(P)
Laconia, Rehoboth	Paula Hensley	(A)
Laconia, United	Paige Baker	(A)

Church	Commissioner	
Leavenworth, Community	John Stutzman	(A)
Lexington, Lexington	Lisa Conder	(A)
Lexington, Lexington	George Hill	(A)
Livonia, Livonia United	Pat King	(P)
Madison, Jefferson	Commissioner	(A)
Madison, Madison	Terri Brunner	(P)
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe	Teresa Lichlyter	(A)
Martinsville, First	Mike Stiver	(P)
Mitchell, Mitchell	Janet Phillips	(P)
Montezuma, First	Ann Stanley	(E)
Mount Vernon, First	Bill Henderson	(E)
Nabb, Nabb	Roberta Bastian	(P)
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship	Jane Gore	(P)
New Albany, Mount Tabor	Judy VanHoff	(P)
New Albany, St John United	Rudy Owen	(P)
New Washington, Trinity United	Ruby Taflinger	(P)
North Vernon, Graham	Steve Graham	(P)
Paoli, First	Joan Myers	(A)
Patoka, Patoka	Lori Racine	(A)
Patoka, Union Bethel	Gerald Bane	(A)
Petersburg, Main Street	Kathy Hoppes	(A)
Princeton, Fairview	Commissioner	(A)
Princeton, Princeton	Bill Shoulders	(P)
Roachdale, Roachdale	John Boruff	(A)
Rockville, Memorial	Donna Paul	(A)
Salem, Salem	Norma Eisert	(P)
Scipio, Scipio	Bill Gerhard	(P)
Scottsburg, First	Brian Nowling	(P)
Seymour, First	George Ernest	(P)
Spencer, Spencer	Lewis Scholl	(P)
Sullivan, First	Jim Exline	(P)
Terre Haute, Central	Alan Harder	(P)
Terre Haute, Unity	Karen Walker	(A)
Vernon, Vernon	Sandra Bussell	(A)
Vernon, Vernon	Beth Gosman	(A)
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	(P)

#### **Elder Members**

# **By Reason of Office**

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

#### **Visitors**

Sherri Finke	Presbyterian Foundation	Connie Benson	Livonia, Livonia United
Jerusha Van Camp	Evansville, First	Susie Russell	Nashville, Brown County

# The Assembly at Worship

The Rev. Dawn Black, Pastor of First Sullivan, and the Rev. John Erickson, Pastor of First Martinsville were the preachers for the day. Both are pastors of churches/communities damaged by March 2023 tornados. Dawn preached from Job 1:13-22, and John preached from Luke 19:37-40. The Rev. Tim Jessen was the pianist for worship.

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

Mike Davis, Executive Director of Pyoca Camp & Retreat Center, welcomed all members and guests.

#### Introductions of New Members, Guests, and Corresponding Members

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

It was m/s/c to seat Sharon Finke from the Presbyterian Foundation as a corresponding member.

# Consent Agenda

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

- **1.** Minutes of the Assembly February 25, 2023, may be found at <a href="http://www.presbyteryov.org/assemblyminutes.htm">http://www.presbyteryov.org/assemblyminutes.htm</a>
- 2. Docket:
  - Declaration of Quorum

- Call to Order
- Opening Worship and Proclamation of the Word: the Rev. Dawn Black and the Rev. John Erickson
- Introductory Business
  - Welcome
  - Greetings from the Host Site
  - Introductions of New Members, Guests
  - Seating of Corresponding Members
  - Consent Agenda
    - Minutes of February 25, 2023; Docket; Clerk's Report; Treasurer's Report
- Report of the Presbytery Council
- Report of the Committee on Ministry
  - Retirement Recognition of the Rev. Gary Scroggins
- Presentation by the Stewardship Committee: Elder Janet Huber Lowry and the Rev. Susan McGhee
- Report on the Synod of Lincoln Trails Assembly: Elder David Holt
- Greetings from Pyoca and Commissioning of the Summer Staff
- Lunch
- Speak Out Session
- Report of the Executive Presbyter
- New Business
- Necrology
- Prayers of the Presbytery
- Minute for Mission: Elder Janet Huber Lowry
- Offering
- Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
- Adjournment with Closing Litany

#### 3. Stated Clerk's Report

Elder Joe Kimmel

#### A. Ministers Received:

• The Rev. Karen VanderPloeg, Pastor of the Madison Presbyterian Church, effective March 20, 2023, from the Maumee Valley Presbytery.

#### B. Installations:

An administrative commission installed the Rev. Ryan Bradney as pastor of Eastminster Presbyterian Church at 11:00am CDT/12:00pm EDT on Saturday, April 22, 2023. Members of the administrative commission were: the Rev. Felipe Martinez (moderator), the Rev. Susan McGhee, Elder Bill Henderson, the Rev. Don Summerfield, and Elder Brian Bailey.

#### C. Churches with 5-Year Anniversaries in 2023:

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

Anniversary	Church	Founded
60	Columbus, Fairlawn	04/28/1963
145	Central, Valley City	00/00/1878
165	Brazil, First	04/18/1858
170	Henryville, Mount Lebanon	05/22/1853
175	Leavenworth, Community	00/00/1848
190	New Washington, Trinity United	00/00/1833
190	Bloomington, United	09/07/1833
195	Terre Haute, Central	05/17/1828
195	Fort Branch, First	00/00/1828
200	Bloomfield, First	08/09/1823
200	Cayuga, Cayuga	00/00/1823
205	Madison, Jefferson	10/18/1818
205	Lexington, Lexington	00/00/1818

# D. Remaining 2023 Council Meetings (all at 12:30pm ET / 11:30am CT) 5/9/23 6/6/23 7/11/23 8/8/23 9/12/23 10/31/23 12/5/23

# E. Remaining Presbytery Assemblies for 2023

Saturday, August 19, 2023 Thursday, November 16, 2023

# 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 March 31, 2023

	Jan -l	Mar 2023	Ar	nnual	% of
	Actual		Budget		Budget
Revenue					
Per Capita	\$	107,945	\$	232,345	46%
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)		13,260		85,000	16%
Contributions		820		17,500	5%
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans		3,000		12,000	25%
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans		17,587		70,349	25%
		142,613		417,194	34%
<u>Expense</u>					
Staff Expense		65,743		274,910	24%
Ecclesiastical Expense		12,294		73,637	17%
Meeting Expense		301		4,050	7%

Administration & Office Expense	8,662	36,500	24%
Program Expense	7,370	32,500	23%
Total Expense	94,370	421,597	22%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 48,243	\$ (4,403)	
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Fund Balances As of March 31, 2023

Church Legacy Funds	948,731
Monroe City Fund	165,892
Brown Trust	4,012
Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	109,336
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	52,024
Undesignated Net Assets	 1,050,922
	\$ 2,330,917

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

2023 Per Capita	50.15			Received	
-			2023	as of	%
		Members	Per Capita	4/30/2023	Paid
Bedford	First	87	4,363.05	2,000.00	45.8%
Bloomfield	First	54	2,708.10	2,708.10	100.0%
Bloomington	First	329	16,499.35		0.0%
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	2,784.30	25.0%
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		0.0%
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	1,040.61	25.0%
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%
Evansville	Eastminster	234	11,735.10	2,625.00	22.4%
Evansville	First	296	14,844.40	4,948.00	33.3%
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		0.0%
Greencastle	Greencastle	105	5,265.75		0.0%
Hanover	Hanover	49	2,457.35	2,457.35	100.0%
Henryville	Community	37	1,855.55	1,855.55	100.0%

2023 Per Capita	50.15			Received	
			2023	as of	<b>%</b>
		Members	Per Capita	4/30/2023	Paid
Henryville	Mount Lebanon	21	1,053.15	1,053.15	100.0%
Jeffersonville	First	173	8,675.95	2,169.99	25.0%
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		0.0%
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		0.0%
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		0.0%
New Albany	St. John United	162	8,124.30		0.0%
New Washington	Trinity United	22	1,103.30		0.0%
North Vernon	Graham	16	802.40	802.40	100.0%
Paoli	First	40	2,006.00	500.00	24.9%
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	,	0.0%
Roachdale	Roachdale	33	1,654.95	1,654.95	100.0%
Rockville	Memorial	18	902.70	702.70	77.8%
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	0,100.40	0.0%
Terre Haute	Central	201	10,080.15	10,080.15	100.0%
Terre Haute	Unity	51	2,557.65	2,000.00	78.2%
Vernon	Vernon	11	551.65	2,000.00	0.0%
Vevay	Caledonia	4	200.60		0.0%
•		12			0.0%
Vincennes	Bethany Indiana		601.80	2 500 00	
Vincennes		95 7	4,764.25	2,500.00	52.5%
Vincennes	South Side	7	351.05		0.0%
Vincennes	Upper Indiana	90	4,513.50	74404	0.0%
Washington	Westminster	57_	2,858.55	714.64	25.0%
		4,633	232,344.95	117,717.24	50.7%

# **Shared Mission 2023**

			Received as of April 30, 20			2023		
		Pledged	GA	Synod	POV	Total		
Bedford	First					0		
Bloomfield	First		210	70	420	700		
Bloomington	First				1,775	1,775		
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					0		
Columbus	Fairlawn		236	79	473	788		
Columbus	First		4,382	1,127	6,764	12,273		
Corydon	Corydon		,	,	,	. 0		
Dale	Dale					0		
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0		
Evansville	Eastminster		263	88	525	875		
Evansville	First					0		
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		450	150	900	1,500		
Laconia	Rehoboth					0		
Laconia	United					0		
Leavenworth	Community			50	100	150		
Lexington	Lexington					0		
Livonia	United		932	263	1,195	2,390		
Madison	Madison		002	200	1,100	0		
Madison	Smyrna-Monroe					0		
Martinsville	First					0		
Mitchell	Mitchell					0		
Montezuma	First					0		
Mount Vernon	First		210	70	420	700		
Nabb	Nabb		210	, 0	120	0		
Nashville	Brn County Fellowship					0		
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		
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#### **Shared Mission 2023**

			Received as of April 30, 2023			
		Pledged	GA	Synod	POV	Total
Patoka	Union Bethel					0
Petersburg	Main Street					0
Princeton	Fairview					0
Princeton	Princeton					0
Roachdale	Roachdale					0
Rockville	Memorial					0
Salem	Salem					0
Scipio	Scipio					0
Scottsburg	First		100	50	1,000	1,150
Seymour	First					0
Spencer	Spencer					0
Sullivan	First					0
Terre Haute	Central		1,950	550	2,500	5,000
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		720	240	1,440	2,400
		0	10,003	2,986	18,711	31,700

# Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

#### For Presbytery's Information

#### The Presbytery Council met March 14, 2023, by videoconference and took the following actions:

- 1. Discussed a review/revision of the Presbytery Design and Committee Structure, and tasked the Stated Clerk and Executive Presbyter to begin working with each committee to review and suggest revisions.
- 2. Decided on the format of the remaining 2023 Presbytery Assemblies:

Thursday, May 25, 2023 (in-person only at Pyoca)

Saturday, August 19 (in-person only)

Thursday, November 16 (on-line only)

#### The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote April 4, 2023, and took the following actions

1. Made an emergency grant of \$5,000 to First Presbyterian Church, Sullivan, to be used at the discretion of the Session for ministry to members, other residents of the community, and rescue workers following the March 31 tornado.

2. Made an emergency grant of \$1,000 to First Presbyterian Church, Martinsville, to be used at the discretion of the Session for immediate and incidental expenses associated with damage to the sanctuary from the March 31 tornado.

# The Presbytery Council met May 9, 2023, by videoconference and took the following actions:

1. Acting as a Commission of the Presbytery, confirmed the appointments of Session Moderators

First: Jeffersonville – Deborah Fortel

First, Brazil – Wes Kendall

First, Montezuma; Memorial, Rockville; United, Clinton – Alan Finnan

2. Made a \$1,000 grant to Central Presbyterian Church, Terre Haute, to provide toiletries to the food bank

#### The Presbytery Council conducted an electronic vote May 17, 2023, and took the following action

1. Made a grant of \$2,000 to the Spencer Presbyterian Church to help fund a free summer lunch program.

#### Committee on Ministry Report

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

Summary of COM actions, February 15, 2023, through May 2, 2023.

#### FOR INFORMATION

At the May 2, 2023, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

a. **Cayuga Presbyterian Church** of **Cayuga** and **Emily Miller** serving as Extended Pulpit Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
04/01/2023	N/A	\$165/week	N/A	Vch.IRS	N/A	N/A	N/A	No
to		+ mileage		rate				
03/31/2024								

b. **Main Street Presbyterian Church** of **Petersburg** and **Elder Rob Henson** serving as Ruling Elder for Preaching and Pastoral Care

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
06/01/2023	N/A	\$45,052.80	N/A	Vch.IRS	2 weeks	4 weeks	N/A	No
to				rate	incl. 2	incl. 4		
05/31/2024					Sundays	Sundays		

The Presbytery recognized The Reverend Gary Scroggins and conferred on him the status of Honorably Retired. His status had been approved at the April, 2023 Assembly of the Presbytery.

#### **Presentation by the Stewardship Committee**

Elder Janet Huber Lowry, Moderator, and the Rev. Susan McGhee

The Assembly was asked to share with each other in small group conversations information about their congregations, then share with the Assembly some of the conversation.

Janet presented a book by Henri Nouwen, *A Spirituality of Fundraising*, copies of which Rev. Kevin Fleming wanted to make available to our churches. The Stewardship Committee made these available to every pastor in a church, plus one more for a person in our churches.

Janet also gave recognition to First, Columbus, as having been supportive of the denomination's Pentecost Offering for all 25 years the offering has been taken.

# Report on the Synod of Lincoln Trails Assembly

Elder David Holt

David gave informational background of the composition of the Synod, then gave a brief recap of the Synod meeting this year.

# Speak-Out Session

Members and friends of the assembly shared news and announcements.

#### Lunch

Moderator Martinez recessed the meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley for lunch.

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

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

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

#### & Commissioning of the Summer Staff

Mike Davis, Executive Director and the Rev. Molly DeWitt, Program Director

Molly shared that the summer staff was being oriented at the present time. We were reminded of the opportunities for participation of campers of all ages. There were several opportunities for other than youth camps; i.e., different adult retreats.

# **Report of the Executive Presbyter**

The Rev. Susan McGhee

Rev. McGhee made references to the resilience of the two churches which sustained losses when tornados struck earlier this spring. She was complimentary of the leadership of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, clergy, lay, and community members meeting the needs of the people in the areas. It gave Susan a chance to speak about the financial grants and gifts available through the Presbytery. "All one has to do is to ask," she stated.

Susan also spoke of the joy of being at the first in-person Assembly since before Covid – the fellowship, the singing, the sharing, the prayers. She announced that the August Assembly will be only in-person and the November assembly will be only on-line.

#### **New Business**

There was no new business to come before the Presbytery.

#### **Necrology**

The Rev. Susan McGhee and Elder Joe Kimmel

A Celebration of the Saints Ruling and Teaching Elder Necrology January 1 – December 31, 2022

Congregation	<b>Elder Ordination Date</b>	Date of Death
Bloomfield, First Brian Gainey	00.00.2007	08.29.2022
Bloomington, First		
Ron Jensen	01.00.1966	04.29.2022
Owen Johnson	01.14.1990	06.18.2022
Herbert (Bert) Brantley	01.12.1992	10.08.2022
Tim Baldwin	01.06.1991	10.10.2022
Columbus, Fairlawn		
Robert Scott	05.21.1995	01.19.2022
Joan Rau	01.06.1975	11.25.2022
Columbus, First		
Kent Ziegler	01.01.1976	02.14.2022
Peggy Dunlevy	01.01.1990	10.09.2022

Evansville, Eastminster Allen Sanderson Anne Gregg Dorothy Carothers		01.24.2022 05.02.2022 12.08.2022
Evansville, First Helen Templeton Shirley Weber Michael Thissen	01.20.1991	05.07.2022 11.04.2022 12.09.2022
Greencastle, Greencastle Doris Stoelting James DeLaBar	01.17.1999 01.30.2005	02.03.2022 12.19.2022
Hanover, Hanover Henry Van Leeuwen	01.08.1967	02.17.2022
Henryville, Community Marcella Jordan	07.15.1979	07.08.2022
Jeffersonville, First  Margaret Bowyer Sparks  Jerry Vance Collins	01.21.2007 12.26.1982	05.18.2022 09.12.2022
Lexington, Lexington Paul A Clapp		05.18.2022
<u>Livonia, Livonia United</u> James Dunn Johanna Lambert	01.23.2005 01.18.2004	06.28.2022 11.19.2022
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe Wanda Stewart	01.21.2001	09.29.2022
Princeton, Princeton Roberta Rainey Sally Hart	01.01.1981 01.11.2004	03.05.2022 07.20.2022
Roachdale, Roachdale Joyce Rust Richard Crosby		02.27.2022 07.19.2022
Salem, Salem Alice McGinnis Paul Scifres Dick Rose	12.17.1989 01.30.1977 12.14.1975	02.26.2022 05.11.2022 06.03.2022
Sullivan, First Gary Inbody	10.12.1975	11.06.2022

#### Vernon, Vernon

Thomas Gosman

08.02.1977

06.16.2022

<b>Ordination Date</b>	<b>Date of Death</b>
08.15.1999	06.07.2022
06.01.1986	02.12.2022
07.01.1969	06.04.2022
05.12.1963	03.05.2022
	08.15.1999 06.01.1986 07.01.1969

Glory to you, O God, for you have woven radiant garments for the Resurrection.

Blessings to you, O Christ, for you were clothed with them at your rising.

Praise to you, O Holy Spirit, for you keep them in love for all the saints.

#### **Prayers**

The Rev. Susan McGhee invited those assembled to lift up prayers. Susan then led the assembly in prayer.

# Offering

The Assembly sang the Doxology and Susan led the offertory prayer.

# Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

The Rev. Hana Elliott was the Celebrant for the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

#### **Adjournment with Closing Litany**

The Moderator adjourned the meeting at 1:45pm with prayer.

The next Assembly of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley will be at 10:00am EDT, Saturday, August 19, 2023, held in-person at Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Mitchell.

#### Respectfully Submitted,

Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk

The Rev. Larry Langer, Recording Clerk

# **Appendix**

# 2023 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.

May 28	Princeton	September 24	*Memorial, Rockville
June 4	Center for Congregations	October 1	Vernon
June 11	Roachdale	October 8	Caledonia, Vevay
June 18	Retired Ministers living in POV	October 15	Bethany, Vincennes
June 25	Salem	October 22	Indiana, Vincennes
July 2	Churches Searching for Pastoral Leadership	October 29	South Side, Vincennes
July 9	United, Scipio	November 5	Upper Indiana, Vincennes
July 16	First, Scottsburg	November 12	Westminster, Washington
July 23	First, Seymour	November 19	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff
July 30	First, Spencer	November 26	Hanover College
August 6	First, Sullivan	October 29	South Side, Vincennes
August 13	Central, Terre Haute	December 3	Agencies of the PC(USA)
August 20	Unity, Terre Haute	December 10	POV Validated Ministries
August 27	Emergency & Disaster Response	December 17	All serving in the military
September 3	Trinity Parish*	December 24	(Christmas Eve) Peace on Earth
September 10	*United, Clinton	December 31	POV Candidates and Inquirers
September 17	*First, Montezuma		