

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Docket for Assembly: August 19, 2023
Mitchell Presbyterian Church, Mitchell
The Rev. Felipe Martinez, Moderator
Elder Beth Snyder, Vice Moderator
Elder Joe Kimmel, Stated Clerk
10:00am EDT/9:00am CDT

Call to Order

Declaration of Quorum

Opening Worship and Proclamation of the Word

Introductory Business

 Welcome

 Introductions of New Members and Guests

 The Rev. Susan Trigger – Mt Tabor, New Albany

 The Rev. Dr. Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard – First, Mt. Vernon

 Seating of Corresponding Members

 The Rev. Dr. Sung-Joo Park, Eastern Korean American Presbytery

 Regional Relationship Manager, Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program, Inc.

 Consent Agenda

 Clerk's Report; Minutes of May 25, 2023; Docket; Treasurer's Report

Greetings from the Presbyterian Investment and Loan Program: The Rev. Dr. Sung-Joo Park

Report of the Committee on Ministry

1. Examination of the Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay for the transfer of ecclesiastical credentials from the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)
2. Retirement Recognition of the Rev. Larry Langer and the Rev. Chris Roseland
3. Minimum Compensation Recommendation for 2024

Report of the Presbytery Council

 2024 Assembly Dates

 Per capita recommendation for 2024

Lunch

Greetings from Pyoca

Speak Out Session | Good News from the Pews!

Report of the Executive Presbyter

New Business

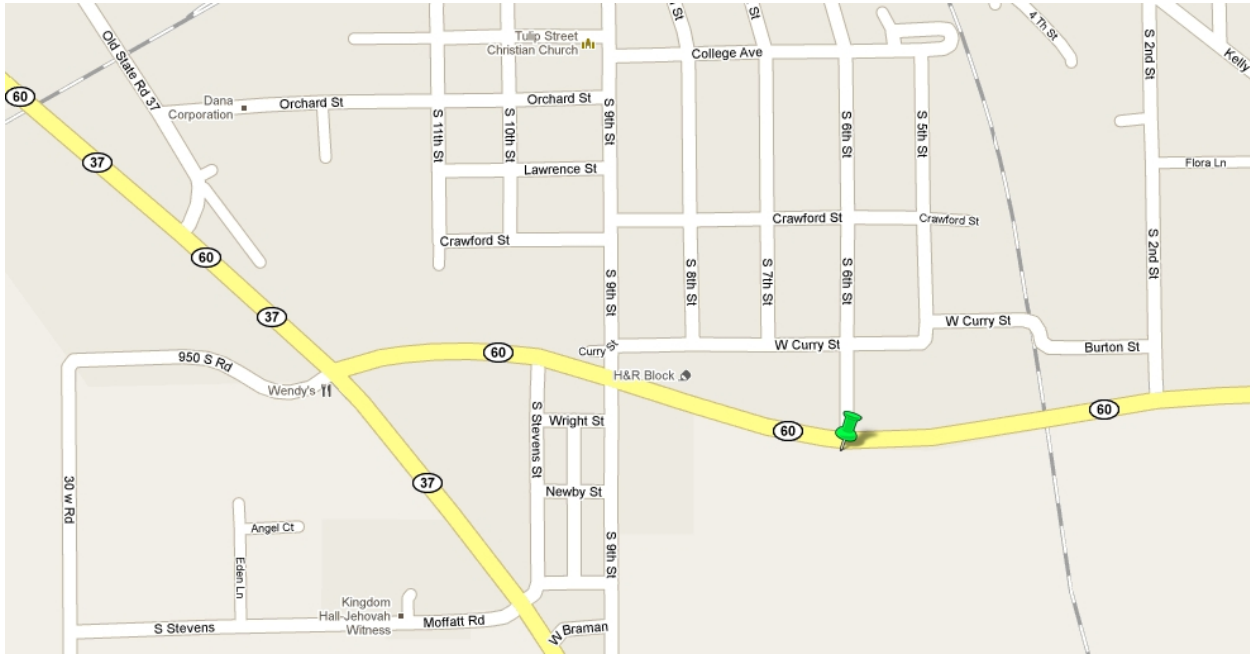
Prayers of the Presbytery

Offering

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Adjournment with Closing Litany

**Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Driving Directions
Mitchell Presbyterian Church
520 State Road 60 E, Mitchell, IN 47446
(812) 849-3303**



As a courtesy, the Presbytery attempts to provide driving directions and parking information (when known) to all the members attending the Assembly.

Due to the size of the presbytery, we are unable to include all possible routes to the meeting. The directions we provide begin with major routes into the city/town where the assembly will be held, and include more detailed directions regarding the streets closer to the meeting site. Please use an online source or printed map to find the way from your starting point to the place where these directions begin. The POV website has all church locations marked on Google Maps to assist you.

Occasionally, there may be construction/detours that we are unaware of. To be prepared for this possibility, it is wise to have a map, Google map printout, or GPS navigation available, just in case.

From the North:

Take State Road 37 S to Mitchell and turn left onto State Road 60 E. Church is on the right.

From the East:

Take State Road 50 W and follow the sign to State Road 37 S. Take State Road 37 S and turn left onto State Road 60 E. Church is on the right at State Road 60 and Sixth St.

From the Southeast:

Take State Road 60 W to Mitchell. About 1 ½ to 2 miles beyond Spring Mill Park, just the other side of the railroad tracks – church is on your left.

From the South:

Take State Road 37 N and turn right on State Road 60 E. Church is on your right.

From the West:

Take U.S. 50 E and take the State Road 60 turnoff to the State Road 60 E and State Road 37 S junction. Turn right onto State Road 37 S to State Road 60 E. Turn left onto State Road 60 E and church is on your right.

Stated Clerk's Report

Elder Joe Kimmel

1) Ministers Received:

- a) The Rev. Susan Kae Trigger, Pastor of Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church, New Albany, effective August 1, 2023, from the Heartland Presbytery.
- b) The Rev. Dr. Jeonju Grace Oh-Howard (Grace Howard), Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Mt. Vernon, effective August 15, 2023, from the National Capital Presbytery.

2) Installations:

- a) An administrative commission installed the Rev. VanderPloeg as Pastor of Madison Presbyterian Church at 4PM ET on Sunday, August 6, 2023. Members of the administrative commission were: Elder Beth Snyder (moderator), the Rev. Susan McGhee, Elder Rick LaCour, the Rev. Deborah Fortel, and the Rev. Catherine Knott.

3) Churches with 5-Year Anniversaries in 2023:

5-Yr Anniversary	Church	Founded
5	Princeton, Princeton	12/31/2018
55	Charlestown, Community	11/03/1968
60	Columbus, Fairlawn	04/28/1963
145	Central, Valley City	01/01/1878
165	Brazil, First	04/18/1858
170	Henryville, Mount Lebanon	05/22/1853
175	Leavenworth, Community	01/01/1848
190	New Washington, Trinity United	01/01/1833
190	Bloomington, United	09/07/1833
195	Terre Haute, Central	05/17/1828
195	Fort Branch, First	01/01/1828
200	Bloomfield, First	08/09/1823
200	Cayuga, Cayuga	01/01/1823
205	Madison, Jefferson	10/18/1818
205	Lexington, Lexington	01/01/1818

4) Remaining 2023 Council Meetings (all at 12:30pm ET / 11:30am CT)

9/12/23
10/31/23
12/5/23

5) Remaining Presbytery Assemblies for 2023

Thursday, November 16, 2023

Treasurer's Report

Elder Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget)
January 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023

	Jan -June 2023	Annual	% of
	Actual	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>			
Per Capita	\$ 148,625	\$ 232,345	64%
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	32,780	85,000	39%
Contributions	1,617	17,500	9%
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	6,000	12,000	50%
Restricted Invest Inc & Trans	35,175	70,349	50%
	<u>224,197</u>	<u>417,194</u>	54%
<u>Expense</u>			
Staff Expense	135,391	274,910	49%
Ecclesiastical Expense	33,415	73,637	45%
Meeting Expense	843	4,050	21%
Administration & Office Expense	20,786	36,500	57%
Program Expense	15,024	32,500	46%
Total Expense	<u>205,458</u>	<u>421,597</u>	49%
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<u>\$ 18,739</u>	<u>\$ (4,403)</u>	

Fund Balances

As of June 30, 2023

Church Legacy Funds	932,481
Monroe City Fund	162,892
Brown Trust	2,675
Charlie Pye Fund for Excellence in Ministry	109,336
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)	48,012
Undesignated Net Assets	1,142,623
	<u>\$ 2,398,019</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

2023 Per Capita 50.15

		Members	2023 Per Capita	Received as of 6/30/2023	% 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	5,567.30	50.0%
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	2,081.22	50.0%
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	7,422.40	50.0%
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	2,632.50	50.0%
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	4,337.98	50.0%
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		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	3,961.85	100.0%
New Albany	St. John United	162	8,124.30		0.0%
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	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%

2023 Per Capita 50.15

		<u>Members</u>	<u>2023 Per Capita</u>	<u>Received as of 6/30/2023</u>	<u>% Paid</u>
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	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		0.0%
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	1,454.35	32.2%
Washington	Westminster	57	2,858.55	714.64	25.0%
		4,633	232,344.95	145,335.49	62.6%

Shared Mission 2023

		<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received as of June 30, 2023</u>			
			<u>GA</u>	<u>Synod</u>	<u>POV</u>	<u>Total</u>
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		473	158	945	1,575
Columbus	First		6,223	1,741	10,446	18,410
Corydon	Corydon					0
Dale	Dale					0
Elizabeth	Church of the Covenant					0
Evansville	Eastminster		263	88	525	875
Evansville	First		1,050	350	2,100	3,500
Evansville	First Avenue					0
Farmersburg	First					0

Shared Mission 2023

		Received as of June 30, 2023				
		Pledged	GA	Synod	POV	Total
Fort Branch	First					0
Greencastle	Greencastle					0
Hanover	Hanover		550	250	1,200	2,000
Henryville	Community					0
Henryville	Mount Lebanon					0
Jeffersonville	First		725	275	2,000	3,000
Laconia	Rehoboth					0
Laconia	United					0
Leavenworth	Community			50	100	150
Lexington	Lexington					0
Livonia	United		1,864	526	2,390	4,780
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
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		2,925	825	3,750	7,500
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					0
		<u>0</u>	<u>1,080</u>	<u>360</u>	<u>2,160</u>	<u>3,600</u>
		0	17,197	5,337	32,281	54,815

Committee on Ministry Report

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

Summary of COM actions, **May 3, 2023**, through **August 8, 2023**.

FOR INFORMATION

At the **July 11, 2023**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:

a. **First Presbyterian Church of Jeffersonville and the Rev. Karen McDonald Smith**
serving as Bridge Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/01/2023 to 06/30/2024	Full-time	\$33,000	\$25,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,000	Yes

b. **First Presbyterian Church of Bloomington and the Rev. Kelley Jepsen** serving as
Transitional Associate Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/17/2023 to 07/16/2024	Full-time	\$62,000	\$18,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$2,600	Yes

c. **Southern Hills Parish (Community Presbyterian Church of Henryville, Mt. Lebanon Presbyterian Church of Henryville, and Nabb Presbyterian Church of Nabb)** and **Elder Mick Finch** serving as Commissioned Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
06/01/2023 to 05/31/2024	30hrs/wk	\$40,153*	N/A*	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	1 month incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	No

*Division between salary and housing TBD

d. **Mitchell Presbyterian Church of Mitchell and Chaplain Byron Buker** serving as
Extended Pulpit Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/11/2023 to 12/31/2023	N/A	\$125/wk*	N/A*	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

*Includes mileage

2. Actions taken regarding **the Rev. Susan Trigger** as Pastor for **Mt. Tabor Presbyterian Church of New Albany**:

- a. Approved goodness of fit, and the PNC's choice, of Susan Trigger as Pastor
- b. Authorize the Mt. Tabor, New Albany session to call a congregational meeting to act on the PNC's nomination of Susan Trigger for the position of Pastor
- c. Approved establishing the pastoral relationship, effective first date of service

3. Actions taken regarding **the Rev. Jeongju Grace Oh-Howard (Grace Howard)** as Pastor for **First Presbyterian Church of Mt. Vernon**:
 - a. Approved goodness of fit, and the PNC’s choice, of Grace Howard as Pastor
 - b. Authorize the First, Mt. Vernon session to call a congregational meeting to act on the PNC’s nomination of Grace Howard for the position of Pastor
 - c. Approved establishing the pastoral relationship, effective first date of service
4. Approved **the Rev. Larry Langer’s** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired as of August 31, 2023

At the **August 8, 2023**, meeting, the Committee on Ministry took the following actions:

1. Approved the following pastoral agreements:
 - a. **Dale Presbyterian Church of Dale and Gonwo Tyndale Dahnweih** serving as Extended Pulpit Supply

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
08/01/2023 to 07/31/2024	20-24 hrs/wk	\$575/wk	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	N/A	No

- b. **First Presbyterian Church of Brazil and the Rev. Alan Finnan** serving as Bridge Pastor

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
09/01/2023 to 08/31/2024	3/4-time	\$30,000	\$15,000	Vch.IRS rate	2 weeks incl. 2 Sundays	4 weeks incl. 4 Sundays	\$1,200	Yes

- c. **Community Presbyterian Church of Leavenworth)** and **Elder Steve Inman** serving as Ruling Elder for Preaching and Pastoral Care

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension
07/01/2023 to 12/31/2023		\$12,000	N/A	Vch.IRS rate	N/A	N/A	\$1,200	No

2. Approved **the Rev. Chris Roseland’s** request to be designated by the Presbytery as Retired as of August 31, 2023

FOR ACTION

1. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley examine the Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay for transfer of his ecclesiastical credits from the Christ Church (Disciples of Christ) to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (see attached)
2. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley grant the status of Retired to the Rev. Larry Langer, effective August 31, 2023.
3. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley grant the status of Retired to the Rev. Chris Roseland, effective August 31, 2023.
4. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley set minimum compensation standards for 2024 as attached.

Statement of Faith
Scott D. Seay

The life of faith is one of expectant hope in the loving activity of the triune God: Creator, Redeemer, and Renewer of all things and all people.

I trust in God, who in sovereign power freely created the world and all that inhabits it. All creation remains dependent on the goodness of God, who continues to give generously to ensure its flourishing. Despite its apparent contingencies and limitations, creation nonetheless moves purposefully according to God's design. God calls and equips us all to respect, protect, and carefully steward God's good creation.

All people are created in the image of God. We are free within the limits that the Creator has set for us; we are interdependent with one another and all creation; we are called to loving service of God and one another; and we possess inalienable worth and dignity. Inevitably, we all fall into disobedience, arrogance, and selfishness. Our personal sin, left unchecked, often enlarges into durable systems that deny the image of God in ourselves and one another. Our best efforts to live as God intends always fall short and we deserve God's condemnation.

God elected and covenanted with Abraham, Sarah, and their descendants to constitute a chosen people, through whom all people of the earth are blessed. Time and again, God acts in the history of the People of Israel to reveal God's essential character as steadfast love and faithfulness: delivering them from Egyptian slavery; giving them the Law; fashioning them into a priestly kingdom and a holy nation; and sending prophets to call them back to covenant faithfulness when they stray. God's gifts and calling to the People of Israel are irrevocable.

I trust in Jesus of Nazareth, the long-promised Messiah, the Son of the living God, and the Savior of the world. Fully human and fully divine, his incarnation is the fullness of God's self-revelation. In his life and ministry Jesus proclaimed the nearness of the Kingdom of God; challenged religious arrogance and denounced hypocrisy; called all he encountered to repent and follow him; and modelled full love for God and neighbor. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and treason, he was crucified and died. God raised the beloved Son from the dead.

In the death and resurrection of Jesus, God opens the possibility of new life for all people. The Bible, tradition, and our experiences depict this new life in various ways: victory over the powers of evil; an enlarged covenant; cleansing from personal sin and guilt; reconciliation with God and one another; divine solidarity with outcasts and sinners; liberation for the oppressed; and a grateful habit of self-giving love for others. This new life is expressed fully and finally as living eternally in the presence of God.

I trust in the Holy Spirit, who draws us personally into God's work of redemption and reconciliation, empowers us to live holy and joyful lives, joins us together in communities of faith and mission, helps us find peace and comfort no matter the circumstances we face, and awakens in us a restlessness to work toward God's liberation and justice for all people. The Holy Spirit directs our vocations, our lives in Christ, as we mature in knowledge, prayer, loving service, gratitude to God, and compassionate solidarity with the whole human family.

The Bible is for me an indispensable and fully trustworthy record of God's self-revelation in the life of the People of Israel, in Jesus Christ, and in the life of the earliest Church. The Bible is infallible; it will never fail to reveal to us the essential character of the triune God. Guided by the Holy Spirit, the confessions of the universal Church, and faithful scholarship, we all have the right and the responsibility to study the Bible as the principal source of our knowledge of God and our faith.

God calls the Church into being to bear witness to the creating, redeeming, and renewing work of the triune God. The Church proclaims and lives the Word of God, experiences assurance of faith in baptism and the Lord's Supper, and maintains a disciplined community committed to love, peace, justice, and service. Gifted by the Holy Spirit, we combine our various skills to fulfill the ministry and mission of the Church. Though the Church as community may take many forms, the local congregation is its principal expression. God calls the Church to continual self-reflection, prayer, and openness to the reforming power of the Holy Spirit so that its witness remains good news for all creation in all times and places.

The Bible, tradition, and our experiences depict our life of expectant hope in various ways: as a sumptuous banquet for all at God's table, the Second Coming of Jesus, the resurrection of the dead, a day of God's judgment, and the reward of heaven and punishment of hell. Authentic hope is not grounded principally in our own achievements and potential, but in the promises and unwavering faithfulness of God. Hope invites us all to trust that ultimately God's love will triumph over hate, God's freedom over bondage, God's community over alienation, and God's life over death.

To the triune God be all praise, and honor, and glory forever!

September 7, 2022

Committee on Ministry
Presbytery of Ohio Valley
1701 East Second Street
Bloomington, IN 47401

Dear Colleagues in Ministry,

With this letter and the accompanying *curriculum vitae*, I would like to express my interest in having my ordination recognized by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley. I am making this request pursuant to G-2.0505 of the 2019/2023 edition of the *Book of Order*.

Ordained in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ)¹ in July 2000, I have nonetheless served as a Temporary Stated Supply at Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship for almost fifteen of my twenty-two years in congregational ministry. I have developed a deep appreciation for the theological identity, orderly polity, and the passion for justice that I see in the Presbyterian Church (USA). I am seeking recognition of my ordination so that I might serve more fully in the mission and ministry of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

I have come to this decision after a long process of discernment involving many conversation and prayer partners.

The accompanying *curriculum vitae* details my educational credentials and my experience in theological education and ministry. In brief: after earning my bachelor's degree at Wabash College (1991), I earned a Master's degree in New Testament and early Christian literature at the University of Chicago Divinity School (1992). I completed a Master of Divinity degree at Christian Theological Seminary (1996) and was ordained four years later. I earned a Master's degree in historical studies (2000) and a PhD in American religious history (2004) from Vanderbilt University, writing a dissertation on the theology of crime and punishment among the New England Puritans. After teaching briefly at two high-quality liberal arts colleges, I joined the faculty of my *alma mater*, Christian Theological Seminary in 2005. There I teach courses in the history of Christianity and congregational leadership, including the history, theology, polity, and worship of the Reformed Tradition.

Partly to fill a need at CTS, I returned to school and finished a Master's degree in library and information science at Indiana University (2020). Since 2019, I have served as the Director of the seminary library as well as continuing on the teaching faculty.

¹ The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) emerged historically from British and American Presbyterianism in the 19th century. Today, the church shares much in belief and practice with the Presbyterian Church (USA) and other mainline denominations.

Beyond my work in graduate theological education, I have served simultaneously in congregational ministry: two interim ministries among the Disciples, and Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship. I have found a rhythm that really works; whatever I do in the classroom impacts my work in congregational ministry and *vice versa*. In particular, I am extremely proud of the Nashville congregation, and I look forward to telling you more about their amazing story. This church has a been a laboratory of congregational transformation.

As I understand G-2.0505, The Presbytery of Ohio Valley may opt to recognize my previous ordination after meeting criteria it sets consistent with constitutional standards. I am willing and able to offer whatever evidence of my educational qualifications, ministry experience, and character you require. With some reluctance, I am even willing upon enrollment to provide the required evidence of surrendering my standing in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Please note that I am **not** asking for exceptions or shortcuts in this process. I thoroughly expect to take the ordination examinations, stand for examination on the floor of Presbytery, and all other requirements expected of candidates for ordination. The high standards for ordination are among the characteristics that draw me to the Presbyterian Church (USA).

I hope that this letter and the accompanying *curriculum vitae* are sufficient for the Committee on Ministry to begin its work with me. I look forward to receiving a favorable response and beginning whatever pathway you lay out for us.

In the meantime, please accept my thanks for the important work you do for the Church and the world, as we cooperate together in God's work transforming all things and all people.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Aaron D. Seay". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the text "Sincerely yours,".

Rev. Dr. Scott D. Seay, MDiv, PhD, MLIS

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EDUCATION

MLIS (2020)

Academic Librarianship
Indiana University

Graduate Certificate (2018)

Archives Librarianship
University of Illinois iSchool

MA, PhD (2004)

American Religious History
Vanderbilt University

MDiv (1996)

Practical Ministry
Christian Theological Seminary

MA (1992)

New Testament
University of Chicago Divinity School

BA (1991)

English Literature, Religion
Wabash College

EXPERTISE

- Theological librarianship
- Archives management
- Organizational assessment
- Strategic planning
- Congregational leadership

PROFILE

A committed theological educator, librarian, and pastor with over twenty years of leadership experience in a variety of settings. Demonstrated excellence in teaching, scholarship, and publication; caring pastoral service in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) and Presbyterian Church (USA); and in theological librarianship, especially archives and special collections management. A pace-setting leadership style that also promotes teamwork.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Director of Library and Information Services

Christian Theological Seminary | July, 2019 – Present

Lead all aspects of strategic planning and management of a small theological library, supervising a staff of nine, and administering an annual budget in excess of \$500,000. Notable accomplishments:

- Completed a comprehensive assessment of library and services
- Re-developed the strategic plan and collection development policy
- Re-developed the archives and special collections program
- Established the seminary's digital institutional repository

Assistant/Associate Professor of Church History

Christian Theological Seminary | July, 2005 – Present

Teach courses in the Church history and leadership in ministry in the seminary's Master's and doctoral programs; build a strong record of historical and theological scholarship; serve on various committees, task forces, and work groups. Notable accomplishments:

- Edited the seminary's peer-reviewed scholarly journal, *Encounter*
- Re-developed, launched, and administer the Doctor of Ministry (DMin) degree program
- Published two books, twelve scholarly articles, and many reviews
- Led in the 2018 reaccreditation process with ATS and HLC
- Led in developing and launching the Lilly-funded Discipleship Project

Pastor (Part-time)

Brown County Presbyterian Fellowship | February, 2008 – Present

Preach and lead weekly worship, teach, moderate Session, and provide pastoral care in a small congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA). Major accomplishments:

- Conducted a strategic visioning process
- Led a three-year capital campaign that raised over \$420,000
- Established a successful field education site with CTS

Interim Pastor

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Rochester, Indiana | 2007

Preached and led weekly worship in a medium-sized (ca. 200 members) congregation, supervising a staff of four. Led the congregation's strategic planning process and transition to a new settled minister.

Assistant Professor of Religion

Ashland University, Ashland, Ohio | 2002-2005

Developed and taught undergraduate courses in Bible and the history of Christianity in a church-related university. Served on the Faculty Senate and chaired the College of Arts and Science Curriculum Committee. Helped re-develop the university's religion curriculum.

Interim Pastor

First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Ashland, Ohio | 2004-2005

Preached and led weekly worship in a medium-sized (ca. 200 members) congregation of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), supervising a staff of three. Led the congregation's strategic planning process and transition to a new settled minister.

Visiting Instructor in Religion

Hamilton College, Clinton, New York | 2001-2002

Developed and taught five elective courses on religion in America during a term appointment at a highly selective liberal arts college.

Office Manager and Controller

Harpeth Financial Group, Nashville, Tennessee | 1997-2001

Managed the day-to-day operations of an office of twelve certified financial planners, estate planning attorneys, insurance agents, and seven support staff.

Assistant Administrator of Residential Services

Valle Vista Health System, Greenwood, Indiana | 1992-1997

Managed all of the non-medical operations of an 80-bed residential psychiatric facility for children and adolescents, supervising a staff of 80-90 direct caregivers.

MINISTRY CREDENTIALS

Ordained, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) (2000-Present)

Admitted to the Presbytery of Ohio Valley as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (2008-Present)

PRESBYTERY OF OHIO VALLEY
2024 MINIMUM ANNUAL COMPENSATION STANDARDS

Recommended by COM—August 8, 2023

Approved by Assembly—

2024 Standards	Without Manse: Cash Salary— includes Housing Allocation¹	With Manse: Cash Salary & Manse Value at 30%²
Salary For Ordained Clergy	\$55,130	\$42,408 & \$12,722
Salary For Commissioned Pastors (75%)	\$41,358	\$31,814 & \$ 9,544

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

²To calculate Cash Salary portion of a 30% Manse Value, divide Total Cash Salary including Manse amount (above example for ordained clergy being \$55,130) by 1.3 to get the Cash Salary portion.

In addition, congregations are encouraged to add a SECA (self-employment tax) offset of 7.65% of total effective salary.

PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES

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

- Vouchered Auto Mileage – Reimbursed at current IRS rate (Note: As of January 1, 2023, value is **65.5 cents/mi**)
- Continuing Education (cumulative over 3 years to sum of annual amounts): **\$1200** (ordained clergy and commissioned pastors); however, it is strongly recommended that up to **\$2,000** be offered to cover 2 weeks of tuition, room and board, travel

VACATION, LEAVE, HOLIDAYS Accruals per year

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

BOARD OF PENSIONS (BOP) BENEFIT PLAN

Employing organizations will pay regularly in advance to the board responsible for benefits a sum equal to that requisite percent of effective salary (salary + housing or 30+% of salary, utilities, and any deferred compensation) which may be fixed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (USA) including pension, medical coverage, and death and disability benefits. **The total BOP totals 39% for a full time pastor (\$21,501) or Commissioned Pastor (\$16,130).** [Note: for part-time pastors of 20 hrs or more, BOP contributions will vary between 31.5% and 50%.] For pastors working over 20 hours per week, who are not members of the Board of Pensions, a comparable amount will be paid to their denomination’s plan or other mutually-agreed-upon retirement program.

OTHER MINIMIUM COMPENSATION

- Occasional pulpit supply – for approved *Ministers of the Word and Sacrament, Commissioned Pastors, Seminary Students, & Ruling Elders:*
 - Congregations of 100 members or more **\$175 plus mileage**
 - Congregations under 100 members **\$150 plus mileage**
 - Additional Services on same day **\$ 50**
- Moderating a session or congregation by invitation: **\$100 plus mileage**
- Wedding: **\$150 plus mileage**
- Funeral **\$125 plus mileage**

Report of the Presbytery Council

The Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

The Presbytery Council met July 11, 2023, by videoconference and took the following actions:

1. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, and upon the request of the Committee on Ministry, commissioned Ruling Elder Harold Medsker to celebrate the sacraments for the congregations of the Trinity Parish (First, Montezuma; Memorial, Rockville; United, Clinton)

The Presbytery Council met August 8, 2023, by videoconference and took the following actions:

1. Granted financial support from Legacy Funds for consultant-led mission studies at Dale Presbyterian Church and Scipio Presbyterian Church
2. Agreed to recommend that 2024 Assemblies be held Saturday, February 24; Thursday, May 23; Saturday, August 24; and Thursday, November 21.
3. Agreed to recommend that per capita for 2024 be set at \$55.00
4. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, approved a resolution for an Administrative Commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes

Resolution for the Appointment of an Administrative Commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, Indiana, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

WHEREAS, the Session and Congregation of the Bethany Presbyterian Church has informed the Officers of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley that it is no longer able to hold services of worship, that there are not enough persons able and willing to serve on the Session, and that it wishes to be dissolved as a Congregation; and

WHEREAS, the Session of the Bethany Presbyterian Church has informed the Officers of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley that it is no longer able to manage the affairs of the church; and

WHEREAS, in a meeting with Executive Presbyter Susan McGhee and Committee on Ministry Co-Moderator Alana Finnan (serving as the Moderator of Session), on July 18, 2023, the remaining members of Session formally requested that the Presbytery of Ohio Valley assume the responsibilities of the Session to wind up its affairs and move toward the dissolution of the Congregation; and

WHEREAS, the Revs. McGhee and Finnan expressed gratitude to those who have served the church and community faithfully through the years, and promised to work with them to celebrate the legacy of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, under such circumstances, the Book of Order authorizes the Presbytery to appoint an administrative commission and assume original jurisdiction for the Bethany Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, the following persons have each indicated willingness to serve if so appointed to an administrative commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church: Ruling Elder Jean Brown, the Rev. David Crittenden, the Rev. Alan Finnan, and Ruling Elder William Henderson; and

WHEREAS, Alan Finnan has indicated his willingness to serve as Moderator and William Henderson has indicated his willingness to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Administrative Commission:

Now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED that the following persons are appointed to serve on an administrative commission for the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Vincennes, Indiana: the Rev. Alan Finnan (Moderator), Elder William Henderson (Vice-Moderator), the Rev. David Crittenden, and Elder Jean Brown; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Administrative Commission shall be empowered to consider and conclude all matters referred to it by this Presbytery, including specifically the following charge:

1. To assume original jurisdiction over all affairs of the Bethany Presbyterian Church of Vincennes, Indiana, acting in place of and replacing the session of said congregation, which shall cease to act as session unless or until directed otherwise by the presbytery;
2. To work with the congregational leaders to obtain any records, documents, books, minutes, reports, accounts, bylaws, corporate documents, or other information of the Bethany Presbyterian Church, including but not limited to the church, its property, and finances;
3. To act with and exercise the full responsibilities and authority of a session for the Bethany Presbyterian Church;
4. To work with the Officers of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to accomplish the dissolution of the congregation; the sale of property, and the completion of any ecclesiastical and corporate affairs;
5. To work with leaders in the congregation to plan and carry out a final service of worship to celebrate the history, ministry, and legacy of the Bethany Presbyterian Church;
6. To consult with attorneys for the Presbytery and to be assisted by the Presbytery's attorneys in carrying out its charges;
7. To consult with accountants, realtors, or other professional advisors to the Presbytery and to be assisted by them in carrying out its charges;
8. To make regular reports and submit its record to the Presbytery and the Presbytery Council and officers (G-3.0109);
9. To conduct and fulfill such additional responsibilities that may be assigned to it as a commission or as a committee by the Presbytery or the Presbytery Council; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Administrative Commission may inform the Presbytery or the Presbytery Council if it determines that any additional powers should be granted to it.

Adopted this 8th Day of August, 2023, by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, through its Council.

For Presbytery Action:

1. That the following dates be set for 2024 Assemblies:

- a. Saturday, February 24
- b. Thursday, May 23
- c. Saturday, August 24
- d. Thursday, November 21

2. That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley set the 2024 per capita at \$55.00

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

The Presbytery Council recommends that the 2024 Per Capita Giving be set at \$55.00. Of that total amount, \$3.81 goes to the Synod of Lincoln Trails, \$9.80 goes to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), and \$41.39 is retained by the Presbytery.

Besides providing for the means for us to gather to discern the mind of Christ, Per Capita in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley supports: 100% of the compensation for the Treasurer and Stated Clerk, 75% of the compensation for the Administrative Associate for IT Support, 50% of the compensation for the Administrative Associate for Office Support, 50% of the compensation for the Executive Presbyter, 25% of administrative and office expenses, and 100% of ecclesiastical expenses (including expenses for assemblies, administrative commissions, and entities such as the Trustees, Committee on Ministry, Committee on Preparation for Ministry that perform constitutionally required work).

While the \$55.00 recommended Per Capita amount does not fund all the constitutionally required functions of the Presbytery, the Presbytery Council believes the recommended amount is an important step towards fully funding the constitutionally required functions of the Presbytery.

The 225th General Assembly took actions that it hopes will provide new funding models for the church that are more sustainable moving forward, and the Council shares in this hope.

The Council welcomes conversation from pastors and sessions about funding ministry and mission.

**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.

August 20	Unity, Terre Haute	November 5	Upper Indiana, Vincennes
August 27	Emergency & Disaster Response	November 12	Westminster, Washington
September 3	<i>Trinity Parish*</i>	November 19	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff
September 10	*United, Clinton	November 26	Hanover College
September 17	*First, Montezuma	October 29	South Side, Vincennes
September 24	*Memorial, Rockville	December 3	Agencies of the PC(USA)
October 1	Vernon	December 10	POV Validated Ministries
October 8	Caledonia, Vevay	December 17	All serving in the military
October 15	Bethany, Vincennes	December 24	(Christmas Eve) Peace on Earth
October 22	Indiana, Vincennes	December 31	POV Candidates and Inquirers
October 29	South Side, Vincennes		