



700 EAST MELROSE AVENUE • FINDLAY, OHIO 45840

“Living in covenant community, transforming individuals and communities in Jesus Christ, making healthy transitions as leaders and congregations”

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Thus says the Lord, “For I know the plans I have for you, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you. You will seek me and find me; when you seek me with all your heart”.
Jeremiah 29: 11-13

WHAT WILL HAPPEN?

Representatives of Pastor Nominating Committees will gather in one place at 10:00 to begin with prayer and worship.

Beginning at 10:30, potential pastoral leaders will be given **15 minutes** to answer the following questions:

Tell us who you are, and what you are doing now.
If you could do anything in Christian ministry, what is your dream?
What are your strengths and gifts?
Do you have Ohio connections? Are you a part of a group that might be interested in moving together?

Potential pastoral leaders may attend in person or by Zoom or phone.

Prior to April 27th, Maumee Valley Presbytery will send the Mission Information Forms of the PCUSA churches to pastoral leaders. Each PNC will write up a brief paragraph about who is going to be present on April 29th for this conversation, including email contact information.

Each potential pastoral leader will send their Registration Form, Personal Information Form (official denominational resume) to belinda@maumeevp.org prior to April 27th, 2017. In person or Zoom appointments for 15 minute interviews will be assigned on an “as received” basis.

INITIAL CONVERSATION

While conversations within congregations and PNC’s have been ongoing about the changing nature of the church, this will be our initial intentional conversation with individuals and groups who are willing to dream God’s dream of leadership.

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We desire to hear from potential pastoral leaders about their hopes and passions. We hope this will begin a discernment process that will lead to covenants between pastors and congregations. In other words: Jobs and calls!

DESCRIPTION OF STRENGTHS

Maumee Valley Presbytery, located in Northwest Ohio and Southern Michigan includes 67 congregations ranging in size from 5 – 508 members. As of Easter 2017, 21 of those congregations are seeking pastoral leadership. Of those 21 congregations, 17 are seeking part time leaders. We are blessed by these small, strong family sized congregations and their committed lay leadership.

Many of the congregations have been through New Beginnings processes (or a prayerful discernment process like New Beginnings) and have clarity about their mission and ministry possibilities. Most are vital, healthy communities with strong ties within the family of the congregation and a desired intention to connect to their particular location. They have right sized their budgets in order to remain fully engaged in their outreach, ministry and mission.

Our region includes larger cities of Toledo and Lima, smaller communities including several with colleges and institutions of higher education, villages with very specific identities, rural communities, and large fields. We have great sunsets, four seasons, and a culture that values long term relationships. We are theologically diverse and intentionally inclusive.

Lynn Bova, the Administrator for Congregational Transformation has been coaching some of the ruling elder leaders. Some have read “Weird Church: Welcome to the 21st Century” By Beth Ann Estock and Paul Nixon. Others have read Phyllis Tickle’s The Great Emergence. We encourage all participants to read at least one of these books prior to the conversation.

WHAT DO WE HOPE TO ACCOMPLISH?

We hope to entice pastoral leaders to come to Maumee Valley Presbytery, and to begin concrete conversations regarding providing sustainable compensation for pastoral leaders. Our big dream is to develop one or two intentional communities of pastoral leaders who will live together in a manse or church owned house and serve in a variety of settings. We believe that developing flexible models for leadership is part of God’s call to us – both a challenge and a gift.

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