

**DOCKET**

Registration will be held in the Fellowship Hall which can be accessed through the upper doors near the sanctuary or by the elevator, which is located under the portico off of the Parking lot. Worship will be in the Sanctuary.

- 10:00 OPENING PRAYER**.....The Moderator
- 10:05 GETTING ORGANIZED** .....The Moderator, Lynn Bova  
Call to Order  
Adoption of the Docket.....Stated Clerk  
Approval of Minutes of November 21, 2015  
Seating of Corresponding Members  
Privileges of the Floor  
Recognition of First Time Commissioners  
Welcome from the Host Pastor.....Rev. Cynthia Holder Rich
- 10:20 OPENING WORSHIP (in the sanctuary)**  
Necrology & Communion with the offering to be designated to the Pastoral Care Fund of MVP.
- 11:30 REPORTS (in the Great Room)**
- Moderator's 2016 Vision .....Moderator Lynn Bova
- Comings and Goings.....Ron Boyd  
Ann Marie Kidder (Monroe); Ross Slaughter (Fairgreen); Douglas Holmes (Blissfield and Palmyra)  
Lynn Bova (Defiance)
- Branch of Service to the World (Attachment 1)  
Mission Interpretation Coordinator.....Jessie Myers  
Celebrations from Adrian First , Lima Market Street, and others
- Branch of Congregational Life (Attachment 2)  
Spiritual Formation Team .....Ann Marie Montgomery  
Triennium (Attachment 3).....David Montgomery  
Kirkmont.....David Bartley  
Report from Administrative Consultant for Transformation .....Lynn Bova  
Stewardship.....Clint Tolbert and Gary Saunders
- 12:25 LUNCH (in the Great Room)**
- 1:15 ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY**

**Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by COM:**

1. **Approved** at request of session, to re-authorize Lance Wiesmann to serve communion for calendar year 2016. (Bob Bidwell/Cathi King;
2. **Approved/re-approved** Steve Bird, Chris Eschhofen, Gene Andres, Craig Buell, Don Shrider and Mike Pennington to serve communion, including at the Great Banquet.
3. The First Presbyterian Church of Columbus Grove will hold their final worship on Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>. A commission will be appointed by the Presbytery to close the congregation.
4. The MIF for Fostoria has been distributed.
5. Verified that First Presbyterian Church of Port Clinton did hold a congregational meeting to dispense with PNC in order to continue the temporary relationship with Rev. Mark Cooper. Current temporary pastor, Mark Cooper, is not seeking to be called and installed.

6. Approved the request of First Sandusky, asking for a possible special dispensation for elders to serve on session one additional year over the 6 year maximum, due to a lack of people to serve.
7. The following motion shall be approved by congregations hiring a Temporary Pastor with a view, after 3 years, to possibly call the pastor as a Called and Installed Pastor without going through the PNC process.  
*"The congregation agrees to the session hiring a Temporary Pastor with a view to, if the way be clear and with the approval of the presbytery's Committee on Ministry, after a minimum of 3 years of service to that congregation, the session may present that Temporary Pastor to the congregation as sole nominee to be voted on for the position of called and installed pastor without the congregation going through the process as outlined in Section G-2.08 of the Book of Order."*
8. Approved the Terms of Call for Rev. J. Ross Slaughter (Fairgreen Presbyterian Church) commencing on Feb 1, 2016, as follows: Cash Salary \$29,000; Housing Allowance \$16,000; Matching 403(b) \$2,700; Social Security Supplement \$3,443; Pension/Death & Disability \$5,400; Major Medical \$11,025; Medical Deductible \$1,125; Continuing Education \$1,200; Auto and Travel \$1,500; Professional Expense \$1,500 for a total cost of \$72,893. Four (4) weeks of vacation and two (2) weeks of study leave; Matching 403 presumes pastor defers 6% or more of salary. Continuing Education is cumulative up to 3 years. 2016 Mileage reimbursed at \$0.42/mile. Congregational Meeting: November 29, 2015. The final report of the PNC was received and accepted.
9. Approved the Temporary Pastor Contract for Rev. Cathi King for 2016 (First Presbyterian Church Tecumseh) as follows: Cash Salary \$23,137.56; Housing Allowance \$23,137.56; Health/Pension Dues \$16,996.11; Professional Expense & Continuing Education (via voucher) Mileage at IRS Rate \$ 3,329.00; for a total cost of \$66,600.23; Four (4) weeks of vacation including 4 Sundays and two (2) weeks of study leave including 2 Sundays.
10. Approved the Temporary Pastor Contract for Rev. Dr. Ann Marie Montgomery for 2016 (Cadmus Presbyterian Church) as follows: Cash Salary/ Housing Allowance \$33,277.76; Health Dues (Member Only) \$10,322.80; Pension/D&D Dues \$3,952.40; Reimbursable Professional Travel \$ 1,836.00; Continuing Education \$832.32 for a total cost of \$50,221.28; Four (4) weeks of vacation including 4 Sundays and two (2) weeks of study leave including 2 Sundays.
11. Approved the Temporary Pastor Contract for Rev. Thomas Steensma for 2016 (First Presbyterian Church, West Unity) as follows: Salary/Housing Allowance \$415.00/week; Travel Expenses to and from home \$50.00/week; Professional Travel \$1,600/year; Continuing Education/Books \$600.00; Four (4) weeks of vacation including 4 Sundays and two (2) weeks of study leave including 2 Sundays.
12. Approved the Terms of Call for Rev Tawee Layraman for 2016 (West Bethesda/West Eagle Creek) as follows: West Bethesda responsible for 78% and West Eagle Creek responsible for 22%.; Cash Salary \$28,123; Housing Allowance \$18,696; Pension/Medical \$15,436.67; Pension savings from FICA deductible \$ 949.98; Reimbursable Health Account \$ 949.98; Dental \$854.04; Supplemental Death \$ 315.00; Reimbursable Expenses \$ 4,218.00; Continuing Education \$ 800.00 For a Total Cost of \$68,442.71; Four (4) weeks of vacation including 4 Sundays and two (2) weeks of study leave including 2 Sundays. 10 days of sick leave per year, cumulative up to 120 days.
13. Approved the Temporary Pastor Contract for Rev. David Good for 2016 (Bluffton) as follows: Cash Salary of 20,964.00; Housing Allowance \$21,366.00; Health/Disability/Pension \$16,060.00; Travel Professional Expenses \$ 2,840.00; Social Security Reimbursement \$ 669.00; Medical Flex Spend: Dental \$ 634.00; General \$ 1,036.00; Continuing Education \$ 832.00 for a total cost of \$64,400.00; Five (5) weeks of vacation including 4 Sundays and two (2) weeks of study leave including 2 Sundays.
14. Toledo Grace - Approved elders to serve communion Mrs. Dolores Penn, Mrs. Valerie McCain, Mr. Nathan McCain, Mrs. Yolanda Jackson.
15. Hicksville - Approved elders to serve communion Thomas Howenstine and Lisa Savage;
16. Defiance - Approved elders to serve communion Sandy Dunlap, Chuck Fitzenrider, Craig Richards, Chris Wagner ;
17. Bluffton - Approved elders to serve communion: Darlene Hey;
18. Sandusky - Approved elders to serve communion Mrs. Norma Wible, Mrs. Lynn Hunsicker.
19. Celina – Approved request from the temporary pastor at Celina (Rev Nan Clancy) to permit a former pastor, Rev Steve Merold, along with Rev Clancy, to officiate at the funeral of a member of the church

**Actions Taken by Branch of Congregational Life:**

20. Approved a Financial Stewardship Educational event on Tuesday, May 24. J. Clif Christopher, author of two or more books about stewardship, has been invited to speak. Copies of his books will be made available to participants prior to the event.
21. Approved training for Godly Play Sunday School Curriculum.
22. Heard Plans for Youth Triennium, July 19-23 (David Montgomery)
23. 2015 Session Record Review was reported

**1:20 ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery by General Council** (Attachment 4)

- 24. ON MOTION that the Olena church building be torn down – the net cost be taken from the sale of the manse and any surplus given to CRR. (The current estimate is of the cost of tearing down is \$14,800)
- 25. ON MOTION to receive the final report of the Clay Center Commission and to dissolve the Commission with thanks. (Attachment 5)
- 26. ON MOTION to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of Order. (Attachment 6)
- 27. ON MOTION that Maumee Valley Presbytery concur with Overture 35 to 222<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly (2016) from Scioto Valley Presbytery on appointing an Administrative Commission to Recommend Boundary Changes to Achieve no more than ten to twelve Synods. (Attachment 7)

**1:50 Reports (Continued)**

**REPORT FROM THE GRAND RAPIDS COMMISSION**

The Grand Rapids Commission requests an Advisory Opinion from Presbytery on dismissing churches to ECO, A Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians.

The Advisory Opinion 19 of the General Assembly Permanent Judicial Commission states that Presbyteries considering dismissal “will consider such questions as whether the receiving body is:

- “doctrinally consistent with the essentials of Reformed theology as understood by the presbytery;
- “governed by a polity that is consistent in form and structure with that of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A); and

“of sufficient permanence to offer reasonable assurance that the congregation is not being dismissed to de facto independence.”

“Failure on the part of the presbytery thoroughly to explore and adequately to document its satisfaction in these matters may thus violate, however unintentionally, the spirit of the polity of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)”.

Therefore, consideration of the questions raised by the Grand Rapids Commission will be presented to the Presbytery for first reading to the May 17<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Adrian Michigan and for action at the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting at First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky, Ohio.

Presbyterian Women (Attachment 8) .....Dana Bourne, Moderator PW  
 2015 Financial Reports (Attachment 9) .....David Bartley, treasurer

**STATED CLERK REPORT**

**NEW BUSINESS**

**3:00 ADJOURNMENT**

*The next regular meeting of Maumee Valley Presbytery will be Tuesday, May 17, 2016 at 3:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church of Adrian Michigan.*

*Future meetings will be held on Tuesday September 20<sup>th</sup> beginning at 3:00 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church of Sandusky Ohio, and on Tuesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> beginning at 10:00 at First Presbyterian Church of Bowling Green, Ohio.*

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. **Branch of Service to the World minutes of January 14, 2016 (pgs 1-2)**
2. **Branch of Congregational Life minutes of January 6, 2016 (pgs 3-19)**
3. **Youth Triennium Invitation (pg 20)**
4. **Presbytery Council minutes of January 19, 2016 (21-23)**
5. **Report of the Clay Center Commission February 16, 2016 (pg 24)**
6. **Nominating Committee Report (pg 25)**
7. **Overture 035 on Administrative Commission to Recommend Synod Boundary Changes (pg 26)**
8. **Presbyterian Women (pgs 27-28)**
9. **Financial Reports (pgs 29-32)**
10. **Latino Ministry Discernment 11-15-2015 - written only (pg 33)**
11. **Synod Commissioner Report January - written only (pg 34)**