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MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
Stated Meeting

THE BLACK CLOISTER, TOLEDO, OH  
February 21, 2017

## GATHERING AROUND THE WORD WE ARE CALLED TO WORSHIP AND WORK

### 10:00 WELCOME

Moderator Mary Jane Saunders and Worship Leader Patrick Harley welcomed members of Presbytery to the Black Cloister, and explained meeting in this unusual setting.

### **HYMNS AND SONGS OF PRAISE** were sung

Shall We Gather  
Blessed Assurance  
Holy, Holy, Holy

### **CALL TO WORSHIP AND TO ORDER** .....**The Moderator Mary Jane Saunders**

Moderator Mary Jane Saunders opened the meeting with a prayer. She called the meeting to order and determined a quorum was present.

### **WHO ARE WE?**

Adoption of the Docket..... TE Dean McGormley, Stated Clerk  
*ON MOTION:* to approve the docket as amended. **So ordered.**

Approval of Minutes of November 15, 2016 as written.  
*ON MOTION:* to approve the minutes as presented. **So Ordered.**

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### Seating of Corresponding Members

*ON MOTION:* to seat as corresponding member: Buzz Reed, Miami Presbytery and Kirkmont Camp. **So Ordered.**

Privileges of the Floor

Recognition of First Time Commissioners

### **MOMENTS OF GOOD NEWS**

Churches and pastors reported good news about fundraisers, and activity in our denomination around issues of race, and about ecumenical events.

**Jay Salvage, Vice Moderator, moderating.**

### **ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY**

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

1. Holloway (Raisin): **Approved** the session request of permission for Elder Lance Wiesmann to continue to administer communion for another year.
2. West Unity: **Approved** the contract between the session and Rev. Tom Steensma for the period Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017.

Salary/Housing allowance	\$ 465.00/Week
Travel Expenses:	
Mileage to/from home	\$ 50.00/Week
Mileage for church business	\$4200.00/Year
Continuing Education/book allowance	\$ 600.00/Year
Vacation: 5 weeks (including 5 Sundays). Continuing Education: 2 weeks (including 2 Sundays)	

3. Trinity United, Kenton: The congregation has approved a plan to change Rev. Tomas Pistora from ¼ Time to 2/3 Time. Rev. Pistora will be taking on a half time position as a chaplain at St Rita's Hospital in Lima. **Approved** the change on the basis that Ron will contact Tomas to be sure he is certain that he will be able to carry out the work required by him at Kenton within the reduced hours.

Cash Salary	\$12,550
Housing allowance	15,500
Travel re-imburement	1,820
Social Security	2,250
Medical/Dental reimbursement	1,000
Pension	14,800
Continuing Education	<u>600</u>
Total	\$48,520

4. Bluffton: **Approved** with regret the retirement of Rev. David Good at FPC, Bluffton, OH, effective 30<sup>th</sup> June 2017. **AND to reapprove** elder Darlene Hey to administer communion, when necessary, for another year.
5. Celina: A ½ time contract between the session and Rev Nancy Clancy for the period Jan 1, 2017 – Dec 31, 2017 has been received. After some discussion, **Approved** the contract with the amendment that they provide an exact amount due to the Board of Pensions. The amended contract is:

Cash salary	\$22,620
Pension, medical/disability	13,750
Business expenses	2,448
Continuing education	816
Vacation: 4 weeks (4 Sundays). Continuing education: 2 weeks (2 Sundays)	

6. Clyde: **Approved** elder Diane Darr to administer communion for one year. So ordered. **Approved** to ask Rev. Jim Miller to act as Moderator of Session if the way be clear.
7. Findlay First: **Approved** the request of the session of FPC, Findlay, OH to permit elder Marie Louden-Hanes to administer communion for one year. Marie is one of those who was recently instructed by Rev Butcher.
8. Perrysburg: **Approved** the commission to ordain Margaret Fox as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at First United Presbyterian Church, Perrysburg, OH on Sunday January 15, 2017. The commission is as follows:  
 Ruling Elders: Ron Boyd, Upper Sandusky: Jack Simmons, Perrysburg: Marcy St John, Bowling Green.

Teaching Elders: Mary Jane Saunders, Presbytery Moderator: Susan Meier,  
Presbyter for Common Life: David Montgomery, Toledo Campus Ministry: Karen  
VanderPloeg, Waterville.

Margaret has requested that Rev Bill Goettler and Rev Maria LaSala, both from  
Presbytery of Southern New England, be permitted to participate in the service.  
By approving this motion, permission will be given to them to labor within the  
bounds of our presbytery.

Approval is also given to authorize communion to be served during the service.

9. Christ Church, Toledo: **Approved** At the request of the congregation, to dissolve the  
pastoral relationship between Rev. Kris Schondelmeyer and Christ Presbyterian Church,  
effective Jan 15, 2017. Kris has been called to be pastor of Deep Run PC; Perkasio, PA  
(near Philadelphia).
10. Bluffton: **Approved** the contract between the session and Rev David Good for the 6-  
month period from 1 January through 30 June 2017 (the date David retires) as follows  
(annual figures shown):

Salary --	\$19,656.00
Housing Allowance --	\$24,000.00
Health/Disability/Pension --	\$16,531.00
Travel/Professional Expenses --	\$ 2,840.00
Continuing Education --	\$ 832.00
Social Security Reimbursement --	\$ 669.00
Medical Flex Spend: Dental --	\$ 634.00
General --	<u>\$ 1,000.00</u>
Pastor Total --	\$66,162.00
Vacation -- 5 Weeks & 4 Sundays (One Sunday Deferred)	
Study Leave -- 2 Weeks & 2 Sundays	
11. Ottawa: At the request of the congregation, **Approved** the dissolution of the  
pastoral relationship between Ottawa Presbyterian Church and Rev Patrick Harley  
effective Feb 28, 2017. So ordered. Rev Harley has accepted a call in Montgomery,  
Alabama.  
**Appointed** Rev. David Good Moderator. So ordered.
12. Defiance: If the way be clear, **Appointed** Rev Pamela Short as Quarterly Moderator of  
Record.
13. Fostoria: **Appointed** Marie Loudon-Hanes as Moderator of the Whole (& co-opt her as  
ex-officio to COM) & Rev Gary Saunders as Moderator of Record for January thru March.
14. Norwalk: At the request of the congregation, **Approved** the dissolution of the pastoral  
relationship between First Presbyterian Church, Norwalk and Rev Adrian Doll effective  
Jan 31, 2017. Rev Doll has accepted a call in Nevada.  
**Appointed** Rev. Claire Brewer as moderator for the months of January through March.
15. First Findlay. At the request of the pastor and the congregation, **Approved** the  
dissolution of the pastoral relationship and termination package between First  
Presbyterian Church, Findlay, OH and Rev Cynthia Holder Rich effective February 19,  
2017. It was confirmed that this termination package exceeds the minimums required  
under Presbytery Policy 1.11. – Policy on Involuntary Termination of Pastoral Services.  
**Approved** to add Rev Cynthia Holder Rich to the presbytery's list of 'Pastors at Large'  
effective February 20, 2017.  
**Appointed** Rev. Ken Wessler as moderator effective Feb 20, 2017. So ordered.

16. OMNIBUS MOTION: **Approved** the 5 Temporary Pastor Contracts listed below, as submitted. So ordered. (These contracts are not required to meet the minimum terms for full time installed positions).

(1) Defiance: Contract between the session and Candidate Lynette Bova for the period Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017 as follows:

Salary (3/4 time, or 37.5 hrs/week)	\$33,929.40
Travel Accommodation	\$ 3,500.00
TOTAL EFFECTIVE SALARY	\$37,429.40
Member only Medical Dues	\$ 8,290.00
Pension/D&D (12%)	\$ 4,491.53
Matching 403b	\$ 1,000.00
Dental	\$ 443.40
Reimbursable:	
Professional Travel	\$ 2,500.00
Continuing Education	\$ 1,000.00

Vacation – 4 weeks (4 Sundays), Continuing Education – 2 weeks (2 Sundays)

(2) McComb: Contract between the session and CRE Janeane Hopkins as follows: (The figures quoted are on an annual basis although Janeane will be retiring prior to July 31, 2017)

Total Effective Salary (30 hours per week)	\$28,714.00
(A manse is provided)	
Travel expenses	\$ 800.00
Vacation: 4 weeks (4 Sundays),	
Continuing Education: 2 weeks (2 Sundays)	

(3) Milan: Contract between the session and CRE Don Loving for the period Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017, as follows:

Total Effective Salary (25 hours per week)	\$22,000.00
Travel expenses	\$ 1,000.00
Continuing Education	\$ 500.00
Other expenses	\$ 2,000.00
Vacation: 4 weeks (4 Sundays), Continuing Education: 2 weeks (2 Sundays)	

(4) LaSalle: Employment Agreement between the session and Lay Preacher, Elder Jerry Zibbell for the period Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017, as follows:

Total Effective Salary (6 hours per week)	\$10,180.00
Travel Expenses	\$ 1,700.00
Vacation: 4 weeks (4 Sundays), Continuing Education: 1 week (1 Sunday)	

(5) Napoleon: Contract between the session and CRE Tom Polker for the period Jan 1, 2017 and Dec 31, 2017, as follows:

Total Effective Salary (full time)	\$45,320.00
Health/Disability/Pension	\$19,725.00
Travel Expenses	\$ 2,500.00
Continuing Education	\$ 800.00
Additional Medical	\$ 2,000.00
Vacation: 4 weeks (4 Sundays), Continuing Education: 2 weeks (2 Sundays)	

Commented [SM2]: Lynn is a Candidate, not a CRE

**Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by General Council** (attachments a & b)

1. **Approved** that the funds to pay for the "Waking Up White" books for General Council be taken out of the Global Peace and Social Witness account.
2. **Approved the referral** to the Nominating Committee the task of presenting nominees for the Personnel Committee.
3. **Approved that** the funds from the Will of Elizabeth J Watson to the Toledo Covenant (MVP as successor) in the amount of 48,378.38 be declared as unrestricted funds.
4. **Approved** to fund a "Reformation Festival" and other discussions to promote understanding of "LGBTQA", Racial Minorities and "Other Christian groups; Roman Catholics, Lutheran, Mennonite, etc." from the Peace Making and Justice Fund not to exceed \$2,000.
5. **Approved** a presbytery wide mission trip for June 10-17 to go to New Orleans area and to recruit a mission trip leader.
6. **Approved** the following places for upcoming Presbytery meetings:
  - February 21, 2017 (10:00-3:00 p.m.) Black Cloister Bar,
  - May 16, 2017 3-8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Adrian, Michigan;
  - September 19, 2017 3-8 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, Michigan
  - November 14, 2017 10-3 p.m. First Presbyterian Church of Napoleon, Ohio
  - February 20, 2018 10 – 3 p.m.
7. **Approved** the following dates and places for upcoming Council meetings:
  - All meetings of General Council for 2017 will be held at the Presbytery office media Center, located at 700 E. Melrose, Findlay, Ohio;
  - April 18<sup>th</sup> 4 – 6 p.m. (April 18<sup>th</sup> is week after Easter)
  - August 15 4 – 6 p.m.
  - October 17 4-6 p.m.

Lynn Bova drew attention to the information about the Reformation Festival and the Presbytery-wide Mission Trip. She lifted up the need for a trip leader.

**CONFESSION OF SIN AND PROCLAMATION OF GRACE**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**“Change My Heart, O God”**

Change my heart O God  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart O God  
May I be like you.

Change my heart O God  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart O God  
May I be like you.

You are the potter  
I am the clay.  
Mold me and make me  
This is what I pray.

Change my heart O God  
Make it ever true.  
Change my heart O God  
May I be like you.

**GRAND RAPIDS -----ACTIONS IN OUR BROKENNESS** (attachment 1)

**ON MOTION** that Maumee Valley Presbytery declare that the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Rapids, Ohio is hopelessly divided and that a schism be declared. **So Ordered.**

**ON MOTION** that the remnant members of the First Presbyterian Church of Grand Rapids, Ohio under the leadership of the Grand Rapids Administrative Commission be declared "true church within the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) **So Ordered.**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**"Love Lifted Me"**

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

Psalm 24

"Standing on the Promises of God"

Psalm 104:1: 31-34

"How Great Thou Art"

Matthew 28:16-20

Meditation

"Great is Thy Faithfulness"

**12:00 LUNCH**

Gary Saunders, Commissioner to G.A. introduced Amendments to the Constitution to the floor.

**VOTING ON THE OVERTURES** (attachments 2 & 3)

**16-A. Child and Youth Protection Policy- - -On Amending G-3.0106 (Item 05-09)**

**On Motion** to approve 16-A. **So Ordered.**

**16-B. Parity in Committees- - -On Amending G-3.0109 (Item 06-05)**

**On Motion** to approve 16-B. **So Ordered.**

**16-C. Ordered Ministry Titles- - - (Item 06-08, Recommendations 1 through 8)**

**On Motion** to approve 16-C. **So Ordered.**

***16-D. Relationship to the PC(USA) of a Person Who Has Renounced Jurisdiction of the Church- - - (Item 06-10, Recommendations 1 and 2)***

***16-D.1. On Amending G-2.0509 (Item 06-10, Recommendation***

***1)***

***16-D.2. On Amending D-10.0401 (Item 06-10, Recommendation***

***2)***

**On Motion** to approve 16-D. **The motion failed.**

***16-E. Certified Service Requirements- - - On Amending G-2.1101 (Item 06-15)***

**On Motion** to approve 16-E. **So Ordered.**

***16-F. The Ministry of Members- - - On Amending G-1.0304 (Item 09-11)***

**On Motion** to approve 16-F. **So Ordered.**

***16-G. Access to the Lord's Table- - - On Amending W-2.4011a. and b. (Item 14-03)***

**On Motion** to approve 16-G. **So Ordered.**

***16-H. Directory for Worship- - - On Replacing the Current Directory for Worship (Item 14-04)***

**On Motion** to approve 16-H. **So Ordered.**

**ITEMS FOR ACTION**

**Actions taken to Presbytery by Nominating Committee**

**On Motion** to set aside the rules requiring matters to come before the Presbytery to be sent out two weeks in advance for the purpose of electing people placed in nomination. **So Ordered.**

1. **On Motion** to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of order (attachment 4)

**the following people placed in nomination by the Nominating Committee:**

Rev. Dr. Julie Kling (Minister at Large) for Branch of Congregational Life (Class of 2018)

CRE Janeane Hopkins (McComb) for Committee on Ministry (Class of 2019) beginning in May 2017)

Rev. Dr. Ken Wessler (Upper Sandusky) for the Permanent Judicial Commission (2022)

Rev. Don Leckrone (HR) for the Permanent Judicial Commission (2022).

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There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. **So Ordered.**

**Also nominated by the Personnel Committee to serve on Nominating:**

Rev. Katie Treadway (Tiffin) (2017)  
Gillian Holzhauser-Grabner (Ottawa) (2017)  
Rose Jones (Pemberville) to continue as Moderator of the 2017 Nominating  
Committee  
There were no nominations from the floor. Nominations were closed. **So  
Ordered.**

**12:45 Actions Taken to the Presbytery from General Council**

1. **ON MOTION** that the majority recommendation in Appendix B. Recommendations of Presiding at the Lord's Supper from the report of the Branch of Congregational Life be approved. (attachment 5) **So Ordered.**

*"The Book of Order* calls Presbyteries to limit who may preside, unless the Mission of God is in danger of being stifled. The Session of a particular congregation is responsible for authorizing the celebration of the sacrament of the LORD's Supper therefore our recommendation is as follows:

- a. Teaching elders may preside at the LORD's Supper at the congregations where they serve and at the invitation of any other Session.
- b. Commissioned Lay Pastors may preside at the LORD's Supper only in the congregations to which they have been commissioned.
- c. Ruling elders who have completed Session approved training led by a teaching elder or a consultant/educator trained in the Reformed Tradition may preside at the LORD's Supper in that particular congregation only. Sessions who approve such training of Ruling Elders shall report to the Branch of Congregational Life the process by which their Ruling Elders were trained.
  - i. Another option besides training is for the Session to approve a Ruling Elder to use a liturgy verbatim as found in the *Presbyterian Book of Common Worship*.
- d. Chaplains and Campus Ministers may preside at the LORD's Supper in their particular and unique settings with the approval of the Committee on Ministry.
- e. Candidates for Teaching Elders may not preside unless previously ordained as a Ruling Elder and approved by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM). If so ordained as a Ruling Elder and approved by CPM, they may preside at the LORD's Supper only in the congregations in which they are serving as a candidate and in the congregation of which they are a member.

2. **ON MOTION** to approve changes to the CRE program in the new manual of Operations as follows:

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**Commented [SM5]:** Can this section be added so the record is complete?





## Vision and Scope of the CRE Program

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### Committee Responsibility

**PURPOSE:** To provide qualified students of the CRE program with the necessary training through multiple disciplines in order that they might serve in competent pastoral ministry to churches of the Maumee Valley Presbytery under the auspices of the Committee on Ministry.

**SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES:**

- Provide timely and accurate information on the CRE program to the Maumee Valley Presbytery.
- Provide ongoing communication and assistance to students in the program.
- Develop and facilitate alternative learning experiences for the students.
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records of student achievement and yet-to-be accomplished requirements in order to assist students in completing their work in a timely fashion.
- Assign student internships or alternative “practical” experience opportunities.
- Determine additional ecclesiastical services (Baptism, Communion, Moderating Session) that student may engage in and the appropriate training for such responsibilities.
- Monitor student progress.
- Fully evaluate each student at the end of all training in order to determine whether the student has acquired the desired level of competency necessary for serving as a Commissioned Ruling Elder.
- Provide recommendations to Committee on Ministry as to future ministry possibilities and potential of qualified students.

**SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY:** The CRE Committee is responsible for the promotion of this program, the selection of students, the training of students and evaluation of students until they are placed under the supervision of Committee on Ministry in active ministry.

**CRE PROGRAM:**

As part of a 30 month intensive training program the Committee shall:

- Arrange for students to participate in the 2 year on-line CRE program through Union Theological Seminary.
- Arrange for additional cohort experiences consisting of 1-3 day classes to engage students in the review of on-line classwork, provide instruction in areas not covered by Union’s courses, and offer specific training for sacrament administration and moderating session as determined by the CRE committee in partnership with COM.
- Continue existing programs including Teaching Elders to Preach and Bible Content Class needed to supplement the basic CRE training in a timely manner.
- Provide all clerical work needed to document student involvement and accomplishment.

### Participant Responsibility

**CRE PROGRAM’S PURPOSE:** The CRE program is designed to enable ruling elders within the churches of MVP, or ministers of other traditions, without the necessary qualifications of an Ordained Teaching Elder to pursue the necessary training to provide limited pastoral care and ministry to its churches. As such this program is an alternative to the traditional Teaching Elder track of seminary trained clergy. This program is designed as an additional way to meet the needs of churches seeking pastoral ministry. The process involved in this program and the scope of ministry that participants

ultimately engage in is entirely under the supervision of the CRE Committee. Those completing the process to the satisfaction of the CRE Committee will operate under the provisions for Commissioned Ruling Elders in the PCUSA Book of Order.

**PROGRAM OVERVIEW:**

- Application process
- Assignment of mentor
- 9 core courses from Union Theological Seminary with additional local on-site cohort learning experiences at the conclusion of each course.
  - Biblical Interpretation
  - Reformed Theology and Church History
  - Christian Life
  - Mission of the Church to the World
  - Preaching the Bible
  - Teaching the Bible
  - Pastoral Care
  - Administration
  - Worship & Sacraments
- 1-3 additional local on-site classes to supplement the basic online curriculum.
  - Spiritual Formation
  - MVP Preaching Track
  - ????
- Online Bible Content Class offered by MVP.
- Internship or its equivalent to implement practical training
- Final examination and consultation
- Determination of the scope of pastoral responsibilities
- Approval on the floor of Presbytery
- Commissioning to a church

\*\*\*The 30 month length of the program is based upon a participant's timely involvement with courses, retreats, and classes as they are offered. Learning opportunities that are missed due to some sort of personal crises must be made up at the first opportunity in which they reoffered. In all cases the program must be completed in its entirety within a 12 month grace period following the 30 month program. Exceptions to this may be granted by the CRE Committee due to special circumstances but the Committee is under no obligation to do so.

**LIMITATIONS AND EXPECTATIONS:** It is imperative that all participants in training, candidates commissioned and the churches associated with them understand the following limitations and expectations:

- Participants as a rule cannot serve the church of which they are a member upon completion of the program. Any exception to this rule is solely may be negotiated with the CRE Committee and Committee on Ministry but the Committees are under no obligation to waive this.
- Any commissioned candidate must immediately vacate his or her relationship with the church they are commissioned to upon completion of their commissioned ministry assignment to that church (even if it is the church of which they are members). As such he or she is beholden to the same expectations as Teaching Elders. This must be firmly understood and agreed upon prior to any commissioning by MVP to a church. No exceptions.
- Upon completion of the program, the Committee shall decide which ecclesiastical functions a

CRE may provide to the commissioned church. It is not to be assumed that a participant will be able to moderate session, administer baptism or the Lord's Supper unless specifically assigned those responsibilities by MVP. Any assigned responsibilities by MVP to the CRE is unique to the church that he or she is commissioned to only. It is not to be considered a presbytery wide right or privilege.

- Terms of service upon completion of the program shall be determined by the participant and the church's session. These terms must be approved by Committee on Ministry and must be renewed yearly.
- CREs serving a congregation are expected to attend meetings of the presbytery and are permitted voice and vote privileges. In addition, it is expected that CREs serving a church participate in the work of the presbytery's committees as allowable within their schedule.
- CREs serving a congregation are expected to be involved in continuing education as a part of their continuance in their commission.

**COST:** The sum total of the approximate cost for the entire program is \$1500. In addition, there will be costs for required books. Financial assistance in the forms of scholarships and or grants **may** be available to those participants meeting the conditions of the CRE Committee on an individual basis.

**APPLICATION:** Each participant must fully complete the application provided by MVP with responses to all stated questions and satisfy all requests for information. An enrollment fee of \$25 must accompany the application. Said fee may be refunded if the applicant fails to meet committee requirements. A personal interview will be requested by the committee to acquire the additional information necessary to enhance the participant's successful completion of the program.

**QUALIFICATIONS:** The program is open to those:

- Active members in a PCUSA church who have served as a ruling elder for a minimum of one year and endorsed by his or her local session.
- Ministers from faith expressions outside of PCUSA desiring to serve a church within MVP who fail to meet the standards for ordination as a Minister of Word and Sacrament (Teaching Elder)
- Who have public affirmation of a call to ministry
- Able to do college level work.
- Willing to embrace the process with enthusiasm, openness, and humility. This is a process of disciplined learning and experiential training in pastoral ministry specific to PCUSA as handed down from the Reformed Tradition and unique to the community of faith within MVP.
- Willing to abide by the oversight of the CRE Committee and honor the normal standards for ethical ministerial conduct.

**SPECIFIC INFORMATION:**

1. Participants will be responsible to enroll in the Union Seminary CRE Program and secure the necessary equipment to participate in the classes. Participants will be required to purchase all necessary books and resource material required to complete the class. The cost is \$125 per class and is the responsibility of the participant. The Committee will assist in making all the information available to assist the participant in this process.
2. Participants will be required to attend on-site learning opportunities at the conclusion of each Union class as well as additional on-site learning experiences needed to round out the training. Every attempt will be made to coordinate these sites and times within a convenient framework for all the students. Participants must be willing to make sacrifices in terms of time and distance in order to engage with important opportunities.

3. Participants will be required to meet the standards and complete all assignments and tasks within the scope of this program in a timely fashion. Part of effective ministry is the disciplined use of time and talent and leading by example. An important premium will be placed on quality of work within the standards set forth for each assignment. Participants are being trained for excellence. The Committee will make every attempt to clearly communicate expectations and deadlines.
  4. The participant will be provided a mentor to help him or her through the process. These mentors should be utilized as helpful sources of information and valuable resources of experience. They are provided to help the participant succeed in the program and in any commissioned ministry that follows.
  5. Participants will need to demonstrate some form of experiential proficiency in the ministry for which they are commissioned. As such, some form of internship, supervised ministry, or other participatory exercise will be assigned by the CRE Committee. MVP is entrusting the churches of our faith community into the care of those commissioned and must be assured of some form of ministerial proficiency, pastoral competency, and ecclesiastical accountability of those commissioned.
3. **On Motion that MVP** receive and adopt the changes in the manual of Operations -----  
See attachment 2016 Policy changes in PDF. (attachment 6) **So Ordered.**

**Actions Taken to the Presbytery from the Clerk**

1. **On Motion** to receive the final report summary from the Administrative Commission to close the Presbyterian church in Columbus Grove, OH and to dismiss the Commission with thanks. (attachment 7) **So Ordered.**

**SEALING OF THE WORD**

**Sacrament of Communion led by Revs. Sarah Ross, Patrick Harley, and Dean McGormley**

**NECROLOGY REPORT AND PRAYERS FOR THE WORLD**

*Maumee Valley Presbytery  
Necrology Report February 21, 2017*

**First Presbyterian Church, Adrian, Michigan**

Dr. Francis A. Locke            01/20/2016  
Mary Damon Haney            03/09/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Blissfield**

Mary K. Snyder                04/21/2016

**Bluffton Presbyterian Church, Bluffton**

Claralice Wolf                03/30/2016

**Commented [SM6]:** Belinda, will you check to make sure this is complete? We did not have a complete list at the Presbytery meeting.

Min Lindsey 10/22/2016  
Richard Evans 11/30/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green**

Robert Platz 03/16/2016  
Judith Mercer 04/05/2016  
Jack Mercer 07/15/2016  
Evelyn Wilkens 07/28/2016  
Dorothy Woods 09/11/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Bryan**

Mary Jistine Flightner 06/14/2016  
John "Jack" Taylor 07/21/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Celina**

Timothy Kennedy 01/16/2016  
Stephen L. Booher 05/16/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Defiance**

Gale King 03/02/2016  
Vivian Mitchell 10/21/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Erie, Michigan**

Anna Laderach 12/21/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Findlay**

Jean Tischler 01/20/2016  
Lyle Feller 04/14/2016  
Mariann Younger 07/17/2016  
JoAnn Reeds 09/19/2016  
Jim Wilkins 11/21/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Forest**

Charles Strasbaugh 11/28/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Fostoria**

Mabel Quesinberry 02/04/2016  
Vella Steward 07/05/2016  
Bob Hanley 09/20/2016

**East Side Presbyterian Church, Fremont**

Helene Rathbun 08/31/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Fremont**

Sarah "Sally" Adams 11/16/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Huron**

Alfred Weingart 02/14/2016  
Charles O'Hara 05/18/2016

Margaret Nielson	11/14/2016
James Carnal	11/19/2016
Janice Pabodie	12/30/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, LaSalle, Michigan**

Karla Hearn	08/11/2016
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**Market Street Presbyterian Church, Lima**

Charles Leland Monney	03/21/2016
Donald Earl Ammon	05/07/2016
Virginia Andrew	09/04/2016
Mabel E. Fisher	09/10/2016
Monty Ray Hamilton	09/11/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Maumee**

Jerry Finch	01/30/2016
Lois Driver	02/08/2016
Pauline Lovejoy	05/19/2016
Harold Sponseller	08/23/2016

**Milan Presbyterian Church, Milan**

Lewis Doerner	04/10/2016
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**First Presbyterian Church, Monroe, Michigan**

Elinor Pokrywka	01/24/2016
Florence Schlect	03/26/2016
Susan Naki	05/08/2016
Nancy Rehfus	07/08/2016
Barbara O'Brien	09/28/2016
Arlene Dougnas	11/14/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Montpelier**

Maurice Smith	06/13/2016
Jane Storrer	09/27/2016
Jeanette Miller	10/31/2016
William Lloyd	12/09/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Napoleon**

Eugene Coonrod	02/06/2016
John D. Brown	04/29/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Norwalk**

Jane Kerkhoff	10/26/2016
Clarence Ellett	12/23/2016

**Ottawa Presbyterian Church, Ottawa**

Susan Basinger	03/14/2016
Janice Crawfis	04/18/2016
James Pierman	10/07/2016

**Community United Presbyterian Church, Palmyra**

Mina Marlat 03/29/2016  
Doyle Sundquist 07/12/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Perrysburg**

Dennis East 06/08/2016  
Art Smith 10/01/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Shelby**

Marjorie ArTale 01/22/2016  
Ted Fort 02/05/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Tiffin**

Lynn Harple 10/17/2016  
Rev. Art Geyh 12/24/2016

**Collingwood Presbyterian Church, Toledo**

Peg Hallenbeck 05/23/2016  
Maj-Britt Napp 09/02/2016  
John Clement 09/04/2016  
Jill Disher 10/30/2016  
Jeanne Galliers 12/30/2016

**Eastminster Presbyterian Church, Toledo**

Jack Eff 11/15/2016

**Fairgreen Presbyterian Church, Toledo**

Lowell Everett Roe 11/05/2016

**Tontogany Presbyterian Church, Tontogany**

Jean Crozier 04/05/2016  
Ruth Alexander 12/13/2016

**Van Buren Presbyterian Church, Van Buren**

Vera Clark 02/28/2016  
Eugene Billingsley 12/04/2016

**First Presbyterian, Van Wert**

James Clem 01/28/2016  
Nellie Hoghe 02/09/2016  
Shirley Harter 03/21/2016  
Richard Eleyet 07/18/2016  
Trella Gause 09/14/2016  
Leigh Eisenhauer 09/19/2016  
Karen Mengrink 10/13/2016  
Marjorie Purmort 11/13/2016  
Paul Walworth Purmort 12/01/2016

**Salem Presbyterian Church, Venedocia**

Lee Lare 01/13/2016

**First Presbyterian Church, Waterville**  
Gerald Disher 07/05/2016

## **BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

Presbytery beyond this meeting

### **Branch of Congregations** (attachment 8)

**Spiritual Formation** – invitation to join the team, announcing event in March at Lial

**Stewardship Conversations** – event Tuesday May 9<sup>th</sup> at Christ Presbyterian, Toledo

**Professional Misconduct Seminar** – at Tontogany on April 26, from 1-3

**Session Review** – Dates announced

**Camp News** – brochures available, Kirkmont recognized: summer camps that change the world

### **Branch of Service to World** (attachment 9)

**Need leader** for mission trip,

**Report** from grant recipient Tecumseh church which brought in Palestinian/Israeli parents who've lost children

**Report** from grant recipient Market Street for joint VBS – all day camp

### **Presbyterian Women** (attachment 10)

**Five Minutes for May Presbytery Meeting** – will have opportunity to discuss book Waking Up White in America.

### **Comings and Goings** Saying goodbye and thank you

Goings: Rev Adrian Doll, Norwalk  
Rev Chris Schondelmeyer, Toledo Christ  
Rev Patrick Harley, Ottawa

Completing Service but remaining in Presbytery: Cynthia Holder Rich

### **2:10 ADJOURNMENT TIME**

**ON MOTION:** to adjourn with prayer. **So Ordered.**

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen VanderPloeg  
Journal Clerk

Dean McGormley  
Stated Clerk

**The next regular meeting of Maumee Valley Presbytery will be Tuesday, May 16th at the First Presbyterian Church, Adrian MI, beginning at 3:00 p.m.**