

DOCKET

- 3:00 GETTING ORGANIZED** The Moderator, Mary Jane Saunders
Opening Hymn and Prayer
Call to Order
Adoption of the Docket..... Rev. Dean McGormley, Stated Clerk
Approval of Minutes of May 16, 2017
Approval of Minutes of Special Meeting July 25, 2017 (attachment 1)
Seating of Corresponding Members
Privileges of the Floor
Recognition of First Time Commissioners
Welcome from the Host Pastor.....
- 3:15 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY** Ron Boyd
Comings and Goings:
Comings: Ben Shaw – Ottawa
Elaina Sipes – Toledo Christ
CRE Julie Fogle – McComb
Elder Rose Jones – Clyde
Rev Julie Kling – Fremont First
Rev Karol Farris - Bluffton
Goings: Rev Mark Rich – Lima Market Street
Rev David Good - Bluffton
- 3:35 CONGREGATIONAL LIFE** (attachment 2) Pamela Short
- 3:40 CAMPS** Mary Jane Saunders and campers
- 3:45 ADRIAN FIRST UPDATE**
- 3:50 CPM**
- 3:50 ITEMS FOR ACTION**
Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Council/Committee on Ministry (attachment 3)
- ON MOTION** To concur with regret with the request of Susan Meier to be granted Honorably Retired Status effective February 28, 2018 and to present a motion to that end to Maumee Valley Presbytery meeting on November 14, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church of Napoleon. (attachment 4)
 - ON MOTION That** The Presbytery agrees to the Maumee Valley Presbytery Council hiring a Temporary Presbyter for Common Life 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 Presbytery, the Maumee Valley Presbytery Council may present that Temporary Presbyter for Common Life to the Presbytery as sole nominee to be voted on for the position of called and installed Presbyter for Common Life without the Presbytery going through the process as outlined in Section G-2.08 of the Book of Order”.
 - ON MOTION** That If the way be clear upon positive vote of the Presbytery of the above motion, that the Council will appoint the following to serve as a Search Committee:
A search Committee representative of the Presbytery which includes an equal (or near to equal) Number of Ruling Elders, Teaching Elders and congregational members, including a diversity of age, gender, size of congregation, rural/urban/small town, and theological perspective.
 - ON MOTION** that the Presbytery per capita be raised 75 cents to \$20.00. (attachment 5)
 - ON MOTION** that the 2018 budget be presented to the Presbytery for adoption as amended.
 - ON MOTION:** at the request of the Mt. Sinai Commission, to authorize the Budget and Finance Committee of the Presbytery’s Council, functioning as Trustees, to sell the property (formerly used as

a manse) located at 1246 Peru Olena Road, Olena, Ohio. in accordance with the Book of Order G 4.0201-4.0206).

Legal description of the Property is Parcel 0502500 0022 0000, Section 1, Lot 23, 511 Residential dwelling, unplanted land .158 acres in Bronson Township, Western Reserve LSD.

An offer of \$45,000 has been received Maumee Valley Presbytery does hereby authorize Reverend David Bartley, MVP Treasurer to sign on behalf of the Presbytery property located at 1246 Peru Olena Road

A title of the sale of the property will be given to the ongoing Mt. Sinai Presbyterian New Church Development for ministry, mission and program.

After previous maintenance bills have been paid, the proceeds will be placed in the New and Redevelopment Fund per Presbytery policy. (attachment 6)

Actions taken to Presbytery by Nominating Committee

1. **On Motion to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules or order:** Tom Polker for Vice Moderator for 2018/Moderator for 2019 and Chair of Council for 2020.

4:25 ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY

Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by COM

1. *West Eagle Creek/West Bethesda* - **Appointed** COM member, elder Joel Youkers as moderator with effect from September 1, 2017
2. *Bluffton*- **Appointed** Rev Roy Pneuman as moderator with effect from July 1, 2017

Permitted Rev David Good to return to Bluffton after his retirement for a retirement celebration on a date to be agreed upon between the church and David.

Approved If the way be clear, the Terms of Call between the church *and* Rev Karol Farris, commencing September 1, 2017, as follows:

Salary	\$33,600
Manse (non-cash)	10,440
Travel & Professional Expenses	2,448
Social Security re-imburement	3,369
Retirement	600
Medical Flex Spending Accounts	
Dental	200
Medical	400
Continuing Education	816
Pension and Medical	16,513
Utilities (paid by church)	<u>2,288</u>
Total	\$70,674

Moving Expenses – one time to re-locate

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

Service to the Greater Church- 1 week (1 Sunday)

Approved If the way be clear, to appoint Rev Karol Farris moderator with effect from September 1, 2017.

3. *Lima, Market Street* – **Appointed** Rev Tom Emery as moderator with effect from July 16, 2017.
4. *Lima Faith* – **Appointed** Elder Jim Cooper as Moderator of Record as long as he serves on Committee on Ministry.
5. *Defiance*- Lynn Bova is to be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament at Perrysburg on July 2017. **Approved** her ordination commission as follows: Pastors –Rev Pamela Short, Rev Barry Murr, Rev Susan Meier and Rev Margaret Fox. Elders- Pam Reid (Defiance),and Charles Myers (Ottawa). . Lynn’s sons, Ian and Andrew, and Becka Snediker Meier will also participate in the service. **Appointed** Rev Tom Emery as moderator until Lynn has been ordained and appointed moderator. following her ordination, **appoint** Rev Lynn Bova as moderator. **Approved** their Mission Study.
6. *McComb*- **Appointed** CRE Harry Tolhurst as temporary moderator. **Authorized** CRE Julie Fogle to administer communion at McComb on July 2, 2017

Approved the contract between the session and CRE Julie Fogle, commencing July 1, 2017, as follows –

This is a part-time contract for no more than 30 hours per week.

The yearly compensation is as follows:

Salary:	\$11,818.00
Housing	10,000.00
Retirement Savings Plan	2,182.00
Continuing Education/Conferences covered expenses	
Vacation – 4 weeks (4 Sundays), Study Leave- 2 weeks (2 Sundays).	

7. **Appointed** Rev Emily Mitchell as moderator for a period of one year.
8. *Fostoria-* **Approved** the amended part-time contract between the session and Rev Bob Butcher for the period May 1, 2017 to Oct 31, 2017, to be paid on a monthly basis as follows:

Housing Allowance	\$1,455.00
Mileage	195.00
Education & Reimbursements	<u>450.00</u>
Total	\$2,100.00

Vacation 4 weeks (4 Sundays) per annum. Study Leave 2 weeks (2 Sundays).

9. *Clyde-* **Approved** the part-time contract between the session and Elder Rose Jones to provide pastoral services, commencing July 16, 2017, not to exceed 19 hours per week, at an annual rate as follows:

Salary	\$13,000
Housing Allowance	12,000
Continuing Education	400 maximum
Mileage	1,200 maximum (vouchered at IRS Rate)
Cell phone service	480 (vouchered at \$40 per month)

Vacation 4 weeks (4 Sundays), Study Leave 2 weeks (2 Sundays)

As Rose is currently training as a CRE she may not moderate session or administer the sacraments. Rev Jim Miller will continue as moderator.

10. *Huron* – **Approved** their MIF.
11. **Approved** to transfer to receiving presbytery, on request: Rev Adrian Doll, Rev Kris Schondelmeyer, Rev Patrick Harley and Rev Robert Joel Stevenor.
12. **Approved** if the way be clear, to request transfer of Rev Karol Farris from Western North Carolina Presbytery to Maumee Valley Presbytery.
13. *Ottawa* – **Approved** upon his ordination, to appoint Rev Ben Shaw as moderator.
14. *Kenton-* **Approved that** while Rev Tomas Pistora will remain their called and installed pastor, to approve the reduction of his time to ¼ time (15 hours per week) with the Terms of Call being reduced, effective August 1, 2017, as follows:

Salary	\$ 5,564.52
Housing	7,054.44
Social Security	940.04
Pension	1,492.92
Medical	10,779.96
Death and Disability	135.72

Rev Pistora has taken on a full time position as chaplain with Bridge Hospice in Findlay.

15. **Added** to COM's Manual of Operation Policy 3.6 MIF Instructions for Yoked Congregations.
16. **Added** to COM's Manual of Operations Policy 15.9 Pastoral Care and Assistance Funds.
17. *Fremont First* – **Approved** the temporary contract between the session and Rev Julie Kling, for the period August 1, 2017 to December 31, 2017 (thereafter to be written for the 2018 calendar year), to work between 20 – 25 hours per week, for an annual salary, as follows:

Salary	\$22,560
Pension, Death and Disability and Health coverage as required by the Board of Pensions	
Professional Travel	\$ 2,450
Study/Books	825
Vacation 4 weeks (4 Sundays), Study Leave 2 weeks (2 Sundays)	

Appointed Rev Julie Kling as moderator.

Julie is hopeful she will be able to continue providing pastoral care/preaching to First PC, Galion. This will be tried for a 2 month period after which it will be re-assessed

18. **Norwalk- Permitted** them to elect a PNC to search for a new called and installed pastor. This is with the full support of their current interim pastor, Rev David Comstock

Actions Taken on Behalf of the Presbytery by General Council (attachment 7)

1. **Tabled** until the next Council meeting, and to refer to Committee on Ministry for their reflection and action on how a Transition Resource Specialist might be used. Susan was asked to prepare a job description. David Bartley observed that this could be funded by an increase of \$4.50 per capita increase.
2. **Approved** That the Presbytery joyfully celebrate the restoration of community which the full payment of back per capita gifts by the First Presbyterian Church of Bryan represents at the September 19th meeting in Monroe Michigan, and that the Presbytery celebrates the fulfillment of back per capita from the other churches including Hicksville, Dola, Fostoria, Van Wert (partial).
3. **Approved** That \$5,000 of the Presbytery's retained earnings #3900 be placed in a Board Directed Fund for the Commissioned Ruling Elder Training Program #2721 for future expenses with the following description to be placed in the Manual of Operations:

"#2721 CLP Reunion Retreats and CRE training ministries

Classification: Board Directed

Purpose: The purpose of this fund is to hold any excess funds received from those attending Commissioned Lay Pastor Reunion Retreats. The excess money is to be used to offset future expenditures. *The Presbytery's Council allocated \$5,000 to be placed in a Board directed fund for the use as directed by the Commissioned Ruling Elder Training program.*

Signing Authority: Commission Ruling Elder Training Program"

3. **Approved** That \$5,000 remain in the 2017 retained earnings #3900 to repay a portion of

The \$38,147.43 that has been spent on the Commissioned Ruling Elder Training Program during the time of withholding of per capita by multiple churches since 2011.
4. **Approved** that the whole Branch of service to the World budget (#7700's) be allocated a total of \$13,000 with no specific designations except for Toledo Campus Ministry (Line item #7736) which will include \$2,200 in pass through funds from the Synod. In 2018, the Council will determine the use for mission and outreach ministries.
5. **Approved** The Budget and Finance Committee revised the Financial Records Retention Policy and approved with amendment changing the retention of tax returns from permanently to seven years. The new 8q Records Retention in the Financial Practices and Manual of Operations will be presented as amended to the Presbytery for information.
6. **Approved** the general concepts of reorganizing around Spiritual Leadership, Mission Outreach of Salt and Light, and Discipleship and Covenant Community and adopt the time line for reconsideration of reorganization. (attachment 8)
7. **Approved** That the Grace/ Collingwood Ministry Task Force of the Branch of Congregational Life proceed with leadership of the United Church of Christ and the Maumee Valley Presbytery with the intent of working together with Grace Community and Grace Presbyterian to provide reformed worship and pastoral care and the mission of God in the urban context. The Toledo Grace/Collingwood Task Force can seek grants within congregations and outside of congregations which include getting permission from Presbytery Council for possible financial support, volunteer support, and prayer support."
8. **Approved that** the Branch of Congregational Life Committee would apply for Synod Grant for \$10,000 of Synod of New Covenant Fund Grant under the oversight of Presbytery to be used for the Grace, Collingwood, and Grace Community endeavor.

4:30 MINUTES FOR GOOD NEWS

4:35 HICKSVILLE COMMISSION (Attachment 9)

1. **ON MOTION:** That, in consultation with the forty-one (41) members of First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville, Ohio, Maumee Valley Presbytery dissolve the First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville Ohio effective September 20, 2017 contingent upon presentation of the incorporation papers of the

Hicksville Cornerstone Church of Ohio to the Stated Clerk of Maumee Valley Presbytery. (G-3.0303b).

2. **ON MOTION:** That Maumee Valley Presbytery nurture the remaining PC(USA) members by taking jurisdiction over the members of dissolved congregations and granting transfers of their memberships to other congregations (G-3.0303c). Maumee Valley Presbytery will continue to provide pastoral care and worship through other PC(USA) congregations in the region for the remaining PC(USA) members.
3. **ON MOTION:** That all available Session minutes, records and history of the First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville be received by the Administrative Commission for Dismissing and Dissolving churches.
4. **ON MOTION:** That the property of the First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville located at 232 W. Arthur, Hicksville, Ohio, AUDITOR PLAT, LOT 61 PT (E060025000100), AUDITOR PLAT 61 PT, .72 acre (E060025000201) be sold and the title be transferred to Hicksville Cornerstone Church, Inc., upon verification of articles of incorporation filed with the State of Ohio. The payment of \$25,373 represents 10% of the net value of the property including building and assets. This payment will be used to support mission and ministries of the PC(USA) through Maumee Valley Presbytery.
5. **ON MOTION:** That Maumee Valley Presbytery thank the Administrative Commission for Dissolving and Dismissing Churches (ACDC) and the Elders of the First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville for their work. While the Presbytery mourns that, through dissolution of the covenant relationship between the Presbyterian Church USA and the First Presbyterian Church of Hicksville the Body of Christ seen on earth is further rent, the Presbytery acknowledges that the individual members of the congregation are following their sense of God's call upon them for service and mission in God's Kingdom and that God's plan for wholeness, shalom and unity of our world continues to be worked out, even if unseen by our human eyes.

4:55 BOARD OF PENSIONS PRESENTATION

5:30 DINNER

6:30 PRESBYTER FOR COMMON LIFE

6:35 PERSONNEL

6:55 NOMINATIONS (attachment 10)

7:00 WORSHIP

8:15 ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of Maumee Valley Presbytery will be Tuesday

Attachments:

1. *Minutes of Special Meeting of Presbytery July 25, 2017*
2. *Congregational Life*
3. *Council minutes of August 15, 2017*
4. *Personnel*
5. *Budget & Finance, 2018 Budget*
6. *Mt. Sinai*
7. *CRE*
8. *New Leadership Structure*
9. *Hicksville Commission*
10. *Nominations*