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MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY
Stated Meeting

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, ADRIAN, MI
MAY 16, 2017

DOCKET

3:00 GETTING ORGANIZED The Moderator, Rev. 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

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

Approval of Minutes of February 20, 2017 as written.
ON MOTION: to approve the minutes as presented. **So Ordered.**

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

Welcome from the Host Pastor..... Rev. Sarah Ross

3:15 CLERK'S REPORT Rev. Dean McGormley

Presbytery minutes were approved without exception
An I.C. has been formed to address allegations against a minister member of Presbytery
Report of Annual Statistics (Attachment 2)
Budget and Finance Reports (attachment 3)
Comment and invitation from commissioner Gary Saunders, B.G. to consider fulfilling Presbyterian identity by participating in financial life of Presbytery

3:20 COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY Ron Boyd
Comings & Goings

Comings: Rev. David Comstock (Norwalk) received a quaich.
Goings: Rev. Joel Stevenor (Huron) April 30
Rev. Mark Rich (Lima Market St) July 15. Invited Presbytery to commissioning service as he and Rev. Cynthia Holder Rich begin their new overseas ministry
Finishing Service: RE Debra Davies (Toledo Glendale)
Retirements: CRE Janeane Hopkins (McComb) June 30
Rev David Good (Bluffton) June 30
Rev Tawee Layraman (W Bethesda & W Eagle Creek) August 31 -

3:35 ITEMS FOR ACTION
Actions taken to Presbytery by Nominating Committee (Attachment 4)

1. ON MOTION to elect according to procedures approved by Roberts Rules of order:

Branch of Congregational Life			
2019	Adrienne Weisert	Bowling Green First	Member
2018	Marilyn Smith	Adrian First	Ruling Elder
Committee on Ministry			
2019	Ken Wessler	First Upper Sandusky	Teaching Elder
Personnel			
2019	Ron Boyd	First Upper Sandusky	Ruling Elder
2019	Harry Tolhurst	Delphos	CRE
Preparation for Ministry			
2020	Gale Swanka	Bowling Green First	Ruling Elder
2017	Ken Krieger	Tiffin First	Ruling Elder
2018	David Comstock	Norwalk First	Teaching Elder

Volunteers who want to serve on Branch of Service to the World when Service to World Is no longer fallow:

- Nancy Myerholtz (Waterville)
- Tawee Layramen (West Bethesda/West Eagle Creek)

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

Jay Salvage moderating.

Actions Taken to the Presbytery from Committee on Ministry

2. **ON MOTION to approve** the request from the session of Milan Presbyterian Church to permit them, for this year only, under Section G-2.0404 of the Book of Order, to grant a waiver from the limitations of service of its members. **So Ordered.**
3. **ON MOTION to approve** that Committee on Ministry be authorized to designate specific Commissioned Ruling Elders who have completed Maumee Valley Presbytery’s CRE training program to be moderators of sessions other than sessions to which they are specifically attached by their commissions. **So Ordered.**

3:45 ACTIONS TAKEN ON BEHALF OF THE PRESBYTERY

Actions taken on behalf of Presbytery by COM

1. **Approved** terms of temporary positions
 - o *Antwerp* (Mike Pennington CRE)

Salary	\$6,000.00
Housing	\$6,000.00
Prof/Travel Exps.	\$3,600.00
Phone	\$ 600.00
 - o *Cadmus* (Rev Ann Marie Montgomery) ¾ time – 9 months on, 3 months off

Salary	\$33,930.00
Pension/Medical	\$14,191.60
Prof/Travel Expenses	\$2,000.00
Cont Ed.	\$ 612.00

 4 weeks vacation, 2 weeks continuing education.
 - o *Forest* (Rev Mary Curtis) Pulpit Supply

Salary	\$ 140.00 per Sunday Service
Car Expenses	\$ 25.00 per month (+ mileage at \$0.50 per mile)
Church cancellation	\$ 70.00 per cancellation
 - o *Marseilles* (Rev Mary Curtis) Pulpit Supply

Salary	\$ 175.00 per week
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- Car expenses & supplies \$ 100.00 per month
- 2 weeks vacation per year
- o *Port Clinton Firelands* (Rev Mark Cooper)
 - Salary \$19,620.00
 - Housing \$21,520.00
 - Pension/Medical \$ 7,890.00
 - Prof/Travel Expenses \$ 2,065.00
 - Cont Ed \$ 1,500.00
 - 8 weeks vacation, 2 weeks continuing education.
- o *Toledo Fairgreen* (Mike Roadruck, CRE):
 - Salary \$ 9,000.00
 - Prof/Travel Expenses \$ 400.00
 - Continuing Education \$ 500.00

2. **Reported** While COM is no longer required to approve elders to administer Communion (Sessions will be in charge & required to report to Branch of Congregational Life) it was agreed, by OMNIBUS MOTION **Approved** all outstanding requests we have received for 2017 as follows:
Defiance-Sandy Dunlap, Chuck Fitzenrider, Craig Richards and Chris Wagner: *Dola*- Richard Lawrence and Peg Lawrence; *Fremont Eastside*-Barbara Haynes and Walter Schmidt: *LaSalle*-Jerry Zibbell, Joanne Bowman and Annie Labell: *West Bethesda*-Michael Cox and Mary Ellen Wyrick: *Pemberville*-Jim Jones and Rose Jones: *Tontogany*-Janice Kaiser-Brown, Donna Lambert, Kim Head, Merry Pomeroy, Tom Pomeroy, Bess Tracy and Margaret DeLuca.

- 3. *Toledo Christ* – **Approved** MIF for temporary Associate Pastor subject to changes recommended by COM.
- 4. *Defiance* – **Authorized** either Barry Murr, Tom Emery or Don Leckrone to fill in as Moderator for 1 session meeting and 1 congregational meeting . (Tom Emery has agreed to moderate the session meeting while Don Leckrone has agreed to moderate the congregational meeting).
- 5. *Toledo Campus Ministry* – **Approved** Covenant of Employment between the Board of Directors and Rev David Montgomery for the period Jan 1 to Dec 31, 2017.

Salary	\$30,700
Housing	14,688
Pension	4,993
Medical/Dental	12,025
Death/Disability	454
SECA	2,270
Travel	3,200
Continuing Education	900
Professional Expenses	750
Total	\$69,980

4 weeks' vacation and 2 weeks' study leave

- 6. *First PC, Monroe* – **Approved** temporary contract between the session and Rev Annemarie Kidder for 2017.

Salary	\$28,000
Housing	16,000
Deferred Compensation	25,000
Health Insurance	5,900
SECA	3,366
Travel/Professional Exps.	3,734
Total	\$82,000

4 weeks' vacation and 2 weeks' study leave.

(Rev Kidder has arranged her own health insurance coverage and proof of this has been received)

- 7. *Faith Christian Church, Lima* – **Approved** MI
- 8. *First PC, McComb* – **Approved** MIF. .
- 9. *Ottawa Presbyterian Church* – **Approved** MIF.
- 10. *Dola Presbyterian Church* – **Appointed** Rev. David Good as Moderator.

11. *Bluffton Presbyterian Church* – **Approved** MIF.
12. *Enon Valley Presbyterian Church* – **Re-appointed** Rev. Katie Treadway as Moderator. (Tom Everett continues to serve the church as their lay pastor).
13. *First PC, Fostoria* – **Appointed** Rev Bob Butcher as moderator effective May 1, 2017.
Also, approved the part-time contract between the session and Rev Butcher for the period May 1, 2017 to Oct 31, 2017, to be paid on a monthly basis as follows:

Salary	\$1,100.00
Housing Allowance	750.00
Reimbursements	250.00
Vacation: 4 weeks (4 Sundays) and Study Leave: 2 weeks (2 Sundays) annually	
14. *First PC, Norwalk* – **Appointed** Rev. David Comstock moderator.
Approved the contract between the session and Rev Comstock as follows:

Salary	\$50,104.00
Housing	25,000.00
Pension/Medical dues	27,412.96
Retirement Savings	6,000.00
Health Reimbursement	3,480.75
Auto & professional Exps.	2,500.00
Continuing Education	<u>577.29</u>
TOTAL	\$115,075.00

Vacation: 5 weeks (5 Sundays), Study Leave: 1 week (1 Sunday) annually.

Approved on the basis that a start date and a finish date to the contract are added.
15. *First PC, Shelby* – **Appointed** Elder Ron Boyd as temporary moderator.
16. *First PC, Huron*- Rev David Comstock as moderator with effect from May 1, 2017. **So ordered.**
17. *West Bethesda/ West Eagle Creek*- at the request of the congregations, **Approved** the dissolution of their pastoral relationships with Rev Tawee Layraman with effect from August 31, 2017 on Rev Layraman's retirement. **Approved** the congregations request to seek a temporary pastor.
18. **Requested** a one-time exemption from the Board of Pensions Administrative Rule requiring that pastors who have reached age 70 ½ must begin receiving their pensions and may not continue serving the congregation from which they are retiring. Maumee Valley Presbytery respectfully requests this exemption for CRE Harry Tolhurst in order that the Presbytery's strategy for mission for the Delphos Presbyterian Church in Ohio may make a transition from being a yoked congregation sharing a Commissioned Ruing Elder to being a solo congregation served by a part time Commissioned Ruling Elder.
19. **Approved** the expansion of the Commission for CRE Don Loving in order that Don may provide pastoral care for members of the First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin during the sabbatical of their pastor, Rev. Katie Treadway, in June, July and August of 2017. Don is given permission to celebrate the sacraments and perform weddings for the members of the First Presbyterian Church of Tiffin, upon invitation by Rev. Treadway, during this period of time.
20. **Added** to the Committee on Ministry's Manual of Operation (8.6) "Process of Validating a Ministry.
21. **Approved** Whereas Committee on Preparation for Ministry has determined that Lynette Bova is certified ready to receive a call, therefore Committee on Ministry has determined that temporary ministry constitutes a call within Maumee Valley Presbytery for Lynette Bova.

3:50 Minutes for Good News

- Katie Treadway announced Tiffin welcomed 5 new members, three of whom were baptized. Also have offered to match gifts to Kirkmont up to \$10,000
- David Montgomery has students who will do minutes for mission, presentations on Toledo Campus Ministry Aug. 13, 2017 for college and young adult Sunday.
- Presbyterian Church in Fostoria OH is sharing space and using space better
- Doug Holmes invited us to stop by their Farmer's Market and purchase groceries

- Perrysburg sells Presby pies during the Perrysburg Farmer's Market.

4:00 CPM Candidate

CPM MODERATOR: Mary Jane Saunders presented statements from Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She invited Lynn Bova forward. She asked Lynn to speak briefly about her calling to ministry and to read her Statement of Faith. Lynn was then asked to respond to questions about her Statement of Faith and her call.

WHEREAS the Committee on Preparation for Ministry has determined that Lynn Bova has been certified ready to receive a call by fulfilling all of the requirements of G- 2.0607. Evidence of readiness to begin ordered ministry as a teaching elder shall include:

- a. a candidate's wisdom and maturity of faith, leadership skills, compassionate spirit, honest repute, and sound judgment. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry has met annually with Lynn Bova for all the required consultations. She has provided results from psychological assessments, and has engaged in supervised ministry on the Presbytery and congregational levels.
- b. a transcript showing graduation, with satisfactory grades, at a regionally ac- credited college or university. Lynn has graduated from
- c. a transcript from a theological institution accredited by the Association of Theological Schools acceptable to the presbytery, showing a course of study including Hebrew and Greek, exegesis of the Old and New Testaments using Hebrew and Greek, satisfactory grades in all areas of study, and graduation or proximity to graduation. Lynn has received a transcript from Union Presbyterian Seminary and has received passing grades in supplemental courses necessary to complete all requirements.
- d. examination materials, together with evaluations that declare those materials satisfactory in the areas covered by any standard ordination examination approved by the General Assembly. Such examinations shall be prepared and administered by a body created by the presbyteries. Lynn has taken and passed all the ordination exams.
- e. She is presenting a brief statement of faith and commitment to the ministry of word and sacrament;

WHEREAS THE COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY during their meeting on April 25th determined that Lynn's call to ministry as an interim pastor in Maumee Valley Presbytery is an acceptable call for ordination;

THEREFORE: CPM presents Lynn Bova, member of First Presbyterian Church of Perrysburg, Ohio and candidate under care to be examined for suitability for ordination as Teaching Elder. The Presbytery may examine the candidate's Christian faith and views in theology, the Bible, the Sacraments, and the government of the church. (See Brief Biography and Statement of Faith).

Lynn Bova Biography

In life and in death, I am a child of God. When I was about 5 years old, my babysitter said that she would take me to church if I could be at the corner of my block on Sunday morning. I got up, got myself dressed and met her there and started attending regularly with her. One Sunday, she didn't come and I was so upset, that my mother drove me to church. That is one of my earliest memories of my desire to be among a covenant community of faithful believers. And it wasn't that I had not attended prior to that – my parents had me baptized as a baby - but it was a more haphazard attendance.

My faith journey continued and when I was in Jr. High, I began attending “the other Presbyterian church in town,” not the one my family belonged to and attended. They had a program where I could play hand bells and I enjoyed that and I had lots of friends there. I confirmed my faith in my freshman year of high school and continued to be a regular participant in both churches. My family eventually joined the “other church,” and that made things easier.

I attended Waynesburg College (University), a small Presbyterian college in Southwestern Pennsylvania and graduated Magna Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education. After I graduated, I worked as a children’s librarian and substitute teacher for a number of years with a short stint working for a candy company as a supervisor. I met my future husband doing a production of Peter Pan as a philanthropic endeavor for an organization I belonged to. We were married and I remember that when I asked if his mom was okay with us getting married in the Presbyterian Church (they were all Roman Catholic) she said she was just thrilled that he was getting married in a church!

After a few years, our boys came along and we were actively involved in church, serving in a variety of roles. When we moved to Ohio, we again became involved in church activities. It was when I was serving on the Christian Education committee that I was invited to take a position as the Children’s Ministry Director and after a few years to become the Director of Discipleship while also working on my Masters in Christian Education. I earned my Master of Arts in Christian Education (MACE) in the Extended Campus Program at Union Presbyterian Seminary in Richmond, Va. I received the Malcolm and Mildred McIver Scholarship given to a MACE student who has strong leadership qualities and a deep commitment to educational ministry and the Inaugural Presidential Leadership Award for a graduating student’s exceptional contributions to the life, work, and mission of the Union Presbyterian Seminary community during the time of their studies. I also completed coach training through Auburn Theological Seminary in New York and continue working on becoming a certified coach with a focus on working with leaders and teams in transition. I have also done two weeks of interim/transitional training, interim executive training, conflict resolution training, and have participated in a variety of other continuing education opportunities including most recently Advance Clergy Clinic at the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center.

My call to Ministry of Word and Sacrament that brings me to this time and place has grown out of this work and life experience.

I currently reside in Perrysburg, OH with my husband Dennis. Dennis, retired from the Toledo Blade, now works for the Toledo Symphony Orchestra as a marketing associate. My husband and I have two sons; Ian who sails on historic tall ships in a variety of positions, and Andrew who is a PhD candidate in ethnomusicology focusing on bagpipes at the Royal Conservatoire of Scotland in Glasgow, UK.

Lynette Bova Statement of Faith

I BELIEVE

God is the Creator of all that is seen and unseen. Out of chaos, the Creator brought and continues to bring order. Power and love are revealed by God in many ways while seeking to be in a relationship with humans and all of creation. God designed each of us with special gifts and talents that make us unique and we should accept

with thanksgiving and use these gifts to worship and build our relationship with the Triune God and with others. Our Creator is the perfect parent who loves and guides us.

I BELIEVE

Jesus Christ is God Incarnate, the Word made human. Sin separates us from God. Jesus lived, died and was resurrected to reconcile us with God by conquering death. Because God loves us, God is gracious and showed us that love through Jesus, Son of God. Jesus is the New Covenant, God's sovereign promise of hope. Jesus taught us through his sinless words and actions what God expects of us. Jesus is the perfect teacher, physician, shepherd, who we should use as a model for all that we say and do.

I BELIEVE

The Holy Spirit completes the Triune God and keeps everyone in communion; Jesus and God, God and humans, human and human. The Holy Spirit works in us when we read the Word of God or hear the Word proclaimed and allows us to hear and see clearly what the Word calls us to be and do. The Holy Spirit helps us to communicate with God and with others and also to serve them. The Holy Spirit also is present during Baptism and the Lord's Supper and unites us with Jesus and all believers. The Holy Spirit is the great communicator who unites us with the Creator and Jesus Christ and invites us to participate in their perichoresis, the dance of intimate union and mutual indwelling of the Trinity.

I BELIEVE

Scripture is the inspired and authoritative witness to God's work in the world. It is the living Word that guides our lives. It is also our assurance that we are not alone but that God is present in our lives. The Sacraments are God's sign that seals the Word in our hearts and gives us courage. We are claimed as one of God's own in our Baptism and we renew that blessing each time we "eat this bread and drink this cup."

I BELIEVE

The church, of which Jesus Christ is the head, unites all the saints, past, present, and future. God has given each of us gifts that are to be used to witness to the world God's gracious love for all. Just as Jesus lifted up the oppressed and healed the sick, the church is called to do this by sharing God's everlasting love through our work for justice and peace.

I BELIEVE

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, I am called to worship and be obedient to God, share the Good News of the Gospel, love and serve others and to be a witness of God's love for the world in Jesus Christ through the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit. I am assured of life everlasting when I remember that scripture tells us in Philippians that:

"... at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father."

If the motion is approved, Lynn will continue to serve the First Presbyterian Church of Defiance. Her title will be changed from Temporary Lay Preacher to Interim Pastor (Temporary). The compensation for this agreement based on a ¾ time schedule: <image011.jpg>

Total Effective Salary	\$33,7429.40
Member only medical dues	\$ 8,290.00
Pension/D&D (12%)	4,491.53
Matching 403b	1000.00

Respectfully submitted,

Attest:

Karen VanderPloeg
Journal Clerk

Dean McGormley
Stated Clerk

The next regular meeting of Maumee Valley Presbytery will be Tuesday September 19 beginning at 3:00 pm. at First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, MI.

Attachments:

1. *Presbytery Minutes of 02/21/2017*
2. *Statistics*
3. *Budget and Finance reports*
4. *CRE report*
5. *Council Minutes of 05/18/2017*
6. *Branch of Congregational Life*
7. *Latino Ministry (written only)*
8. *Attendance Report*