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Maumee Valley Presbytery  
Special Called Meeting of Presbytery, Minutes

First Presbyterian Church, Findlay  
November 27, 2018

SPECIAL MEETING OF MAUMEE VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
NOVEMBER 27, 2018 AT 4:30 IN THE AFTERNOON  
FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
2330 S. MAIN STREET  
FINDLAY, OHIO 45840

**4:30** Moderator Tom Polker called the meeting to order, deemed a quorum was present, and opened the meeting with prayer.

The only business of the meeting was to respond to the request that a meeting be called regarding the congregation of Grace Presbyterian Church of Toledo, OH.

Stated Clerk Dean McGormley presented the following motion for approval:

**ON MOTION** that Delbert Duckins, Grace, Christ Stuart, Grace, Yolanda Jackson, Grace, and Nathan McCain, Grace be granted privileges of the floor for the meeting. **So Ordered.**

*Call for Meeting*

***REGARDING THE CONGREGATION OF GRACE PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH OF TOLEDO, OH***

***At the request of Ron Boyd (COM moderator), Rev. Ellen McGormley (Retired Minister), Diana Wagar (Moderator of Personnel), Rev. Ken Wessler (Upper Sandusky), Rev. Matt Meinke (General Presbyter MVP), a special meeting of the Maumee Valley Presbytery has been called for November 27, 2018, beginning at 4:30 pm at First Presbyterian Church, 2330 S. Main Street., Findlay, Ohio 45840. Included in the call for the meeting are the following motions:***

***Motion*** That presbytery elect (Rev. Tom Schwartz, Rev. Jim Miller, Rev Ross Slaughter, Elder Lori Schmidt (Bluffton) and Elder Edward Bettendorf (Firelands) as an Administrative Commission in accordance with the Book of Order, G-2.0904, G-2.0901, G-3.0109b, G-3.0303d and G-3.0303e with the following duties and authority to:

- 1) *counsel with the session concerning reported difficulties within the congregation and encourage them to set up listening sessions with the members of the congregation, under the supervision of the commission, to hear their concerns*

- 2) *advise the session as to appropriate actions to be taken to resolve the reported difficulties*
- 3) *offer to help as mediator*
- 4) *correct the difficulties if requested to do so by the session or if the session is unable or unwilling to do so*
- 5) *conclude that the session is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs and assume original jurisdiction of the session with the full power of the existing session (after a thorough investigation and after a full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session)*
- 6) *consider and act upon requests from the congregation for permission to take the actions regarding real property as described in G-4.0206*

**ON MOTION** to call the question. **So Ordered.**

### **REGARDING THE CONGREGATION OF GRACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF TOLEDO, OH**

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5. conclude that the session is unable or unwilling to manage wisely its affairs and assume original jurisdiction of the session with the full power of the existing session (after a thorough investigation and after a full opportunity to be heard has been accorded to the session)
6. consider and act upon requests from the congregation for permission to take the actions regarding real property as described in G-4.0206

**So Ordered.**

**5:00 ON MOTION:** to adjourn. **So Ordered.**  
The meeting was adjourned with prayer at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen VanderPloeg,  
Journal Clerk

Attest

Dean McGormley  
Stated Clerk

Attachment: Attendance Report