

## MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY

**Tuesday, September 23, 2014 9:30 am**

Genesis Conference Center  
10265 Wooster Pike (State Route 3), Creston, OH 44217



The September meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery was held at Genesis Conference Center and hosted by the Creston Presbyterian Church. The Conference Center served as a great anchor location for the CROP walk held at the conclusion of the meeting, with the walks taking participants through the park at Creston.



# MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY

*Journeying with Jesus to touch the World!*

### **OUR VISION**

***Journeying with Jesus to touch the world—Empowered by the Spirit  
to Make Disciples, Nurture Our Faith, and Serve the Needs of the Community***

“The Presbyterian form of government set forth in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) is grounded in scripture and built around the marks of the true Church. It is in all things subject to the Lord of the Church. In the power of the Spirit, Jesus Christ draws worshiping communities and individual believers into the sovereign activity of the triune God at all times and places. As the Church seeks reform and fresh direction, it looks to Jesus Christ who goes ahead of us and calls us to follow him....” *PCUSA Book of Order F-1.0401*

The September 23, 2014 stated meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery began with Presbytery Moderator and Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Pollock (Bloomfield) calling the meeting to order with prayer at 9:42 am. The docket for the meeting is included at Appendix 1.

It was confirmed that there was a quorum of teaching and ruling elders present, as defined in MVP bylaws, and as verified by the following roll of those who registered their presence:

### **THE ROLL**

(Attendance Key: P = Present; E = Excused)

<b>Presbytery Officers</b>		
Moderator	Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Pollock (Bloomfield)	P
Vice Moderator	Teaching Elder Mike Parker (First Ashland)	P
Acting Stated Clerk	Virginia Birks	P
Treasurer	Council Elder Joan Brode	P
Council Moderator	Teaching Elder David deVries (Christ, Canton)	
General Presbyter	Teaching Elder Deborah Rundlett	P

<b>Installed Pastoral Relationships with a Particular Church (AEOD<sup>1</sup> #101)</b>			
Allison, Dennis (Zanesville Trinity)		Morrison Jr., Ray (Zanesville Central)	P
Armour, Burnetta (Clark & Millersburg First)		Parker, Mike (Ashland First)	P
Baer, Jennifer (New Harrisburg)	P	Phillips, Alice (Creston)	P
Barnes, Alex (Rittman Milton)	P	Revennaugh, Darla (Dresden-Madison)	P
Behrendt, Carolyn (Dennison First)		Rice, David (Wooster First)	P
Bergeson, Jeff (Cambridge Unity)	P	Skinner, Suellen (Zanesville Brighton)	E
Carlisle, Jon (Coshocton)	P	Smith, David (Marietta First)	P
Coetzee, Andries (Wooster Westminster)		Stewart, Christopher (Hopewell & Shreve)	P
DeVries, David (Canton Christ)		Unrue, Mark (Uhrichsville First)	P
George, Benjamin (Minerva First)	P	Van Bulck, Marc (Seville)	E
Holmes, Richard (North Canton Northminster)	P	Watt, William (Canton Church of the Covenant)	
Houston, Tom (North Canton John Knox)		Weirich, Anne (New Concord College Drive)	E
Kaufman, Linda (Plymouth)	P	Wright, Karin (Bellville)	E
Krankovich, David (Carrollton & Scroggsfield)			
Lalama, Larry (Massillon Central)			
Leach, Keith (Cambridge First)	P		
McCurdy, Jim (Alliance First United)	P		
Meyer, Bob (Wayne)	P		
Morrison, Barbara (Deerfield & McConnellsville)	P		

<sup>1</sup> "AEOD" – Authorized Ecclesiastical Occupational Designations per the Presbyterian Church (USA) 2011.

<b>Temporary Pastoral Relationships with a Particular Church (AEOD #105 and 108)</b>			
Baker, Mike (Canton Calvary)		O'Connor, Tom (Beverly)	P
Ballantine, Bruce (Wooster First)		Steele Jr., Rollin (Norwich)	
Berger, Tim (High Hills)		Tate, Terry (North Salem)	
Birks, Virginia (Dalton)		Thomas, Ellen (New Concord Westminster)	
Gerhart, Andy (Veto)	P	Timson, Terry (New Lexington & Roseville)	E
Hale, Ryan (Stillfork, Augusta-Corinth, Mechanicstown)		Walker, Ron (Linden Road)	P
Hyland, Susan (Senecaville)			
Jack, Larry (Cambridge East Union)			
McGlawn, Burt (Carrollton First)			

<b>Ruling Elder Commissioned to a Particular Church (AEOD #107)</b>			
Allmon, Tom (Bethesda & Hanoverton)		Melick, Annie (Alliance First United)	P
Edsall, Donna (Muskingum)		Perry, Herb (Zanesville Putnam)	E
Gibson, James (Buffalo Cumberland & Rix Mills)	P	Pollock, Tim (Bloomfield)	P
Johanning, Ryan (North Canton John Knox)		Walkerow, Kathleen (Loudonville & Perrysville)	P
Hastings, Rick (Barlow & Belpre Pioneer)	P	Wentworth, Merlin (Antrim & Old Washington)	P
McConnell, James (Freeport & Nottingham)			

<b>Member of Another Denomination – Temporary Membership G-2.0506 (AEOD #151 and #158)</b>			
Heskett, Jake (Nankin Federated)		Randas, Jim (Lexington)	P
Hutchinson, Charles (Cambridge Mt. Hermon)		Sinnett, Bob (Watertown)	
Kamphuis, David (Duncan Falls)		Svencara, Joe (Waynesburg)	
Lewis, Helen (Sharon)		Walther, Kenneth (Orrville First)	P
Mathewson, Peter (Bakersville & Fresno)			

<b>Honorably Retired Member of Presbytery (AEOD #299)</b>			
Barnard, L. Wayne		Keese, Harold	
Barr, Walter Stuart		Kearns-Preston, David	P
Barrett, J. Edward		Knapp, Mary Jane	
Bartow, Don		Kress, Cloyd	
Bean, J. Edgar		Lane, John Robert	
Berry, Hugh B.		McClelland, William	
Briggs, Williams		Millspaugh, Robert	
Brown, Keith		Naftzger, Roger	
Callihan, Jean		Patton, Doug	
Collier Jr., James		Rila, James	
Cox, Joanne		Russell, John	
Cureton III, Charles		Scherpenisse, Richard	
Dawson, Jack		Schmidt, Sue Ann	P
Dryer, J. Richard		Schumacher, James	
Field III, Dudley		Snyder, Jerry	
Fleming, Ron		Starr, Floyd H	
Fogal, Ralph		Sykes, L. Elizabeth	
Gooch, Ross		Tait, Gordon	
Green, Ralph		Trubee, Eldon	
Greenwood, Richard		Watt, James	
Hartzfeld, David		Wereley, Richard	E
Holmes, Darrell		Yoder, William	

<b>Presbytery / Synod Councils (AEOD #302)</b>			
Rundlett, Deborah (General Presbyter)	P	Zaki, Raafat (Synod of the Covenant)	P

<b>Serving Another Denomination or Non-Denominational Agency (AEOD #501)</b>			
Bacon, Nancy		Behrendt, Mark	
Bartholomew, Barbara	P		

<b>Educational Institute (AEOD #641 and #644)</b>			
Dickson, Sue (Faculty)		Nutt, Rick (Faculty, Muskingum University)	E
Morgan-Clement, Linda (Ashland University)		Watson, Joanne Ford (Faculty)	
Mullins, Will (Muskingum University & Caldwell First)	P	Farris, Karol (Muskingum University Intern)	P

<b>Military Services (AEOD #761)</b>			
Lantz, Diana (Navy Chaplain)			

<b>Other Validated Ministry and Members-at-Large (AEOD #791 and 797)</b>			
Arble, Cathleen	E	Skolnik, Matt	
Bausman-Gray, Wendy	E	Story, Jim	
Morgan, C. David		Thomas Jr., Herbert	
Pinkowski, Jacquelyn	E	Williams-Neal, Frances	
Shetzer, Lynn	P		

<b>Council Elders (if not otherwise registered)</b>			

<b>Parish Elders (if not otherwise registered)</b>			
Nutter, Mark (Washington/Noble)	E	Lilley, Deb (Holmes)	
Westfall, Donna (Coshocton)	P	Ashland/Richland (Vacant)	
Stark (Vacant)		Wayne (Vacant)	

<b>Enrolled Enquirers &amp; Candidates</b>			
Baker, Michael (Massillon Central, CRE candidate)	P	McCann, David (Fazeysburg, CRE candidate)	P
George, Kate (Minerva First, CRE candidate)	P	Mitchell, Tara (Cambridge First, CRE candidate)	P
Jones, Wes (Old Washington, CRE candidate)	P	Roepke, Tom (Linden Road, CRE candidate)	P
Kaufman, Michael (Plymouth First, CRE candidate)	P		

<b>Visitors</b>			
Crawford, William (Warsaw First)	P	Radley, Ben (Pleasant Hills Outdoor Camp)	P
Evans, Joyce	P	Robertson, Donna (Rittman Milton)	P
Gerber, Becky (New Philadelphia First)	P	Tatir, Barbara (Westminster)	P
Krause, Cindy (Cambridge Unity)	P	Walker, Sally (New Philadelphia First)	P
McIlvaine, Donna (Creston)	P	Walther, Linda (Orrville First)	P
Ourant, Donna (Antrim)	P	Wood, Karen (Creston)	P
Perone, Mary (Fellowship of Christ's Community)	P	Young, Wanda (Canton Christ)	P

Ruling Elder Commissioners			
Alliance First		Massillon Central	
Antrim	Hayes, Gary	McConnelsville First	
Ashland First	Helser, Herman	Mechanicstown Corinth	
Augusta Stillfork		Millersburg First	
Bakersville		Minerva First	
Barlow		Muskingum	
Bellville		Nankin Federated	
Belpre Pioneer	Denes, Sue	New Concord, College Drive	
Beverly		New Concord, Westminster	
Bloomfield		New Harrisburg	
Caldwell First		New Lexington	
Cambridge East Union		New Philadelphia First	Cassady, Virginia
Cambridge First		North Canton Covenant	
Cambridge Mount Hermon		North Canton John Knox	
Cambridge Unity	Umberger, Nancy	North Canton Northminster	West, Chuck
Canton Calvary		North Salem	
Canton Christ		Norwich	
Canton Reedurban		Nottingham	
Carrollton First		Old Washington	
Carrollton United		Orrville First	
Clark Community		Perrysville First	
Congress Federated		Plymouth First	
Coshocton	Westfall, Donna	Rittman Milton	Clifton, John
Creston	Numbers, Steve	Rix Mills	
Cumberland Buffalo		Roseville	
Dalton	Niehaus, Karol	Savannah	
Dennison First		Scroggsfield	
Dresden Madison		Senecaville	
Duncan Falls		Seville	Drotos, Joyce
Fazeysburg		Sharon	
Freeport		Shreve	
Fresno		Veto	
Hanoverton		Warsaw First	Lawrence, Jim
Hanoverton-Bethesda		Watertown	
High Hill		Waynesburg First United	
Hopewell		Wooster First	Williams, Yvonne
Lexington		Wooster Wayne	Amstutz, Larry
Loudonville First		Wooster Westminster	Gordon, Nahida
Malta Deerfield		Zanesville Brighton	
Mansfield East Hills		Zanesville Central	
Mansfield Linden Road		Zanesville Putnam	
Marietta First		Zanesville Trinity	

#### Welcome to New Commissioners

Moderator Tim Pollock began the meeting by welcoming new commissioners, Synod executive Raafat Zaki, and thanking host pastor Alice Phillips and the Creston Presbyterian Church for hosting the meeting at Genesis Conference Center in Creston, Ohio. The moderator then

extended a welcome to newly installed Teaching Elders Rich Holmes (North Canton Northminster), David Rice (Wooster First) and Kenneth Walther (Orrville First), as well as newly ordained and installed Jeff Bergeson (Cambridge Unity) to the presbytery. Also present were members of the new training cohort for Commissioned Ruling Elders: Michael Baker (Massillon Central), Kate George (Minerva First), Wes Jones (Old Washington), Michael Kaufman (Plymouth First), David McCann (Fazeysburg), Tara Mitchell (Cambridge First), and Tom Roepke (Linden Road). Candidate for examination Karol Farris was also introduced.

#### Report of the Stated Clerk and Omnibus

Acting Stated Clerk and Teaching Elder Virginia Birks presented the Report and Omnibus of the Stated Clerk (Appendix 2). **The motion was made to approve the following action items listed below. The motion passed by voice vote.**

- Approve the minutes of the following presbytery meetings<sup>2</sup>: July 30, 2014; May 19, 2014; February 25, 2013; November 27, 2012. (Appendix 3)
- Approve the docket for the September 23, 2014 stated meeting. (Appendix 1)
- Receive the financial report Fiscal YTD 2014 as presented. (Appendix 4)

Chair of Ministry Discernment Teaching Elder Bob Meyer (Wayne) presented the nominating report and thanked those who agreed to serve on the Permanent Judicial Commission. The candidates' names were read at the meeting for vote by Presbytery:

- Honorably Retired Teaching Elder Charles Cureton, class of 2014;
- Ruling Elder Rick Hastings, Class of 2014
- Teaching Elder Suellen Skinner, Class of 2016
- Teaching Elder David Smith, Class of 2018
- Ruling Elder David Bush, Class of 2018

**The motion to close nominations passed after there were no nominations from the floor. The motion to accept the names presented to serve on the PJC passed by voice vote.**

#### Time of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the New Harrisburg Presbyterian Church

Following the nomination report, there was a time of prayer and thanksgiving for the New Harrisburg Church. Teaching Elder Jennifer Baer, pastor of New Harrisburg, informed those gathered that, after a year of discernment and prayer, New Harrisburg Presbyterian Church has voted to close. The building has been sold to Carrollton Believer's Fellowship. The last Sunday in worship for New Harrisburg will be September 28, 2014. The members of the church will continue to spend time in prayer and discernment to choose new congregations in which to worship. Teaching Elder Ben George (Minerva First and Carroll Parish Elder) led the presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving for the New Harrisburg Presbyterian Church, its 43 members, and their journey as Resurrection believers through the process of death to new life.

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<sup>2</sup> **Note:** These meetings were listed in the "Report of Presbytery Minutes Review" from the Synod of the Covenant as unapproved. They are being approved at this meeting to bring the minutes of Muskingum Valley Presbytery into compliance. The full "Report of Presbytery Minutes Review" is available in Appendix 2 as a part of the Report and Omnibus of the Stated Clerk.

#### Ordination exam of Karol Farris

Teaching Elder Chris Stewart (Chair, Parish Elders; Shreve/Hopewell) invited candidate for examination Karol Farris to come forward. She is the intern at Muskingum University and Caldwell First Presbyterian Church. She gave a brief introduction and read her Statement of Faith (Appendix 5).

Farris was examined by those gathered at the meeting and answered questions from the floor. **The motion was made to arrest the examination and it passed by voice vote.** The candidate then left the room with General Presbyter Teaching Elder Debbie Rundlett while discussion occurred by the presbytery.

The question was raised of to what was Karol being ordained. Teaching Elder Will Mullins (Caldwell First/ Muskingum University Chaplain) clarified that Karol is being ordained to her internship, which is a unique situation, but one that has been replicated in the Lake Fellows Program in other presbyteries. The Lake Fellows Program provides an opportunity for recently graduated seminaries to help equip them for their first call. The internship call is intended to be temporary.

**The motion was made to proceed to recommend ordination for Karol Farris as a Teaching Elder. The motion passed by voice vote.** The candidate returned to the room to applause. Teaching Elder Will Mullins will arrange for a prayer service of welcome at Muskingum University with Ruling Elder and Presbytery Moderator Tim Pollock. A prayer was offered with laying on of hands for Karol.

#### A New Day, A New Way: Rapid Prototyping of MVP Mission

Joan Brode, Treasurer, led the devotional for the meeting of “Be a Dancer,” chapter 3 from Created for More by Jonathan Malm, with scripture from Acts 16. Candice McMath, Mission Coordinator, presented a guided illustration to explain the process of rapid prototyping. Those gathered then participated in a large brainstorming session and reported out on the discoveries of their groups. The groups used different props at each table to serve as a jumping off point for discussion. The reports from the groups were recorded and are available on Muskingum Valley Presbytery’s YouTube channel.

The meeting took a recess at 12:15 pm for lunch. Teaching Elder Alice Phillips led the group in a prayer of thanksgiving for the food and those who prepared it. The lunch recess ended at 1:04 pm.

#### Final Report of the Administrative Commission for New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church

Teaching Elder Chris Stewart (Chair, Parish Elders; Shreve/Hopewell) reviewed the motion in the meeting packet that concerns New Philadelphia First (See Appendix 6). Joan Brode presented a summary of the interactions with New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church since the formation of a Response Team three and a half years ago, continuing through the formation of the Administrative Commission in February 2014. With end of the current pastorate, it has become clear to the AC that their services are no longer needed and there is a new process that needs to come in.

New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church was represented at the meeting, as indicated on the roll of attendance for the meeting. They raised a concern regarding the limitations on the motion,

specifically regarding that only three individuals were approved for presiding over preaching and sacraments. Stewart clarified that the three listed were those who were preapproved, but others could be considered, provided they are given clearance by Parish Elders. The intent of the motion is to give a sharp focus on helping the congregation return to operating in a healthy manner.

**The motion was made to dismiss the Administrative Commission for New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church (as presented on letter) and carried by voice vote.** The group participated in a prayer for the New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church, led by Moderator Tim Pollock.

The meeting closed with prayer led by Teaching Elder Alice Phillips at 1:36 pm, and those gathered were dismissed to participate in the CROP Walk, sponsored by the Serving in Mission Commission. 31 walkers participated in the event.

The minutes were prepared by Ministry Coordinator Candice McMath.



## Appendix 1: Meeting Docket



### Stated Meeting of the Presbytery September 23, 2014

**Registration begins at 9:00 am**

9:30 am	Welcome to New Commissioners Call to Order & Open with Prayer  Stated Clerk's Report & Omnibus Time of Prayer and Thanksgiving for the New Harrisburg Presbyterian Church Ordination Examination of Karol Farris  A New Day, A New Way: Rapid Prototyping of MVP Mission  Ministry & Commission Call Outs
12:00 pm	Lunch  Final report of the Administrative Commission for New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church Next Steps Motion to Dismiss the Administrative Commission  Worship: Sending Service  Mission Commission CROP Walk

## Appendix 2: Report of the Stated Clerk

### Report of the Stated Clerk

#### Information Items:

1. Received from David Bartley, Stated Clerk, Synod of the Covenant, (May 19, 2014) report of presbytery minutes review. Muskingum Valley's were approved with the following exceptions: No approval of minutes of the Feb. 25, 2013, meeting of the final 2012 meeting of Presbytery (See below), no audit or financial review, no report of Synod Commissioners, no review of session minutes, no report of review of the Presbytery minutes by Synod for the 2012 minutes, Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) roster for previous six years is not listed. Here is what could be found: Class of 2008 Richard Greenwood (TE); Class of 2010 John R Milligan (RE), Robert Hill (RE), Dennis Allison (TE); Class of 2012 Christopher Stewart (TE), Cynthia Gooch (RE-deceased), Thomas Webster (RE).
2. Received from David Bartley (July 16, 2014) notification that the Synod of the Covenant PJC has received a remedial complaint against Muskingum Valley Presbytery.
3. Sent to Bob Meyer, Chair of Discernment Commission, my resignation from the PJC due to work as Acting Stated Clerk.
4. Received August 6, 2014, a letter of alleged offense committed by a member of the Presbytery (D-10.0102). An Investigating Committee (IC) has been formed (D-10.0103).
5. Received from David Bartley the per capita apportionment due for 2015 for presbyteries of the Synod of the Covenant. MVP's apportionment is \$28,252.25--\$3.25 at membership of 8,693.
6. On behalf of Presbytery, Council approved by email vote on July 26, 2014, with the concurrence of Parish Elders, that the New Harrisburg Presbyterian Church building and property be sold to the Carrollton Believers Fellowship for \$37,000, the buyer to take possession of the building during the month of October. Non-permanent contents of the building will be negotiated separately.
7. The financial reports for 2013 for Muskingum Valley Presbytery were reviewed and found with no exceptions by Rea & Associates, Inc.

#### Action Items:

1. Approve the minutes of the following Presbytery meeting:
  - a. July 30, 2014
  - b. May 19, 2014
  - c. February 2013
  - d. November 27, 2012
2. Approve the docket of the September stated meeting.
3. Receive the financial report FYTD 2014 as presented.

## Appendix 2 Continued: Report of Presbytery Minutes Review

### REPORT OF PREBYTERY MINUTES REVIEW

May 5 – May 6, 2014

The annual review of presbytery minutes for 2012 was held in Maumee, Ohio at the Synod Office on May 5 – May 6, 2014.

The Presbytery of Cincinnati **Approved without Exception**

The Presbytery of Detroit **Approved without Exception** Comment: The minutes contain some typographical errors that detract from the overall quality of the documents. Since we clerks cannot count on the members of the presbytery to call such mistakes to our attention during approval of the minutes, perhaps it is necessary that a specific Person be asked to proofread the Detroit minutes. Also, on page 61 there is a statement that is puzzling: **Business for motion and debate** The moderator introduced Presbytery baby Moses to the Presbytery.

The Presbytery of Eastminster **Approved with Exception** 1. That action taken to review minutes biannually is not in accord with G-3.0108 a.

The Presbytery of Lake Huron **Approved without Exception**

The Presbytery of Lake Michigan **Approved without Exception** Comment: Make sure Leadership Team actions on behalf of Presbytery are reported as such. Numbering of pages were off.

The Presbytery of Mackinac **Approved without Exception**

The Presbytery of Maumee Valley **Approved without Exception** Comment: Very well done.

Miami Valley Presbytery **Approved with Exception** 1. No report of Synod Commissioners

The Presbytery of Muskingum Valley **Approved with Exception**

1. No approval of minutes of the Feb. 25, 2013 meeting or the final 2012 meeting of Presbytery.
2. No audit or financial review report
3. No report of Synod Commissioners
4. No review of Session minutes
5. No report of review of the Presbytery minutes by Synod for the 2012 minutes.
6. PJC roster for previous six years is not listed.

The Presbytery of Scioto Valley **Approved with Exception** 1. No report of Synod Commissioners

The Presbytery of Western Reserve **Approved without Exception** Comment: Well done and concise.



## Appendix 3: Prior Meeting Minutes for Approval (4 sets of Minutes)

### Meeting 1 of 4: November 27, 2012

MINUTES  
OF THE STATED MEETING  
OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
Tuesday, November 27, 2012  
College Drive Presbyterian Church, New Concord, Ohio

Moderator Teaching Elder Diana Circelli called the meeting to order at 4:00 pm with prayer. The Clerk announced that a quorum was present. Teaching Elder Mary Jane Knapp welcomed all to College Drive Presbyterian Church. First time presbyters were recognized and welcomed. There were no corresponding members present.

Ruling Elder Bob Porter, Chair, presented the Report of the Nominating Committee and moved the following election of individuals to one-year terms in accordance with Presbytery bylaws:

Moderator: Teaching Elder Jonathan Carlisle  
Vice Moderator: Ruling Elder Timothy Pollock  
Transitional Stated Clerk: Ruling Elder Paula Lane

These nominations were elected by voice vote and were installed by Moderator Circelli. She then resigned from the balance of her 2012 term and Moderator Carlisle and Vice-Moderator Pollock presided for the rest of the meeting.

Teaching Elder Dave DeVries, Chair, reported for the Mission Council, presented the 2013 Presbytery meeting schedule and highlighted the consultation with George Bullard, The Columbia Partnership, on "Options for Congregations in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century" at Unity Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio, on Saturday, April 20, 2013 (9:00 am – 4:00 pm).

General Presbyter Debbie Rundlett presented the 2013 MVP Journey document, "Seek the Shalom of the Community," and shared her reflections on her sabbatical program to date at Case Western Reserve University's doctoral program in positive organizational development.

Teaching Elder Andy Gerhart, Chair, reported for the Administrative Committee with a second read of the proposed 2013 Presbytery budget and moved adoption of the 2013 budget as presented. After discussion, the budget was approved by voice vote.

Moderator Carlisle asked Vice-Moderator Pollock to chair the meeting during the presentation of the Report of the Administrative Commission for Gracious Dismissal. Teaching Elder Carlisle presented the Commission's report and recommended that Mount Perry Presbyterian Church and its pastor, Rev. Diana Circelli, be dismissed to the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and that Fredericksburg Presbyterian Church be dismissed to the Covenant Order of Evangelical Presbyterians (ECO). (Its pastor, Jack McClelland, is not a PC(USA) teaching elder.) Following presentations by both of the pastors and discussion among the presbyters, the AC's motions were approved by voice vote. Chair Carlisle then summarized the Administrative Commission's Final Report for 2013 and by voice vote the AC was dismissed with thanks for its work.

Teaching Elder Chris Stewart, chair of the Committee on Ministry, introduced Candidate Alex Barnes, certified ready for ordination as a Teaching Elder pursuant to his call to serve as pastor of Rittman Milton Presbyterian Church in Rittman, Ohio. Alex shared his Statement of Faith and answered questions from the presbyters. After a motion to close the examination was approved by voice vote, Alex left the room and presbyters, following discussion, voted without objection to ordain Alex as a PC(USA) Teaching Elder during the Advent worship service following dinner and his installation as pastor of the Milton Church at a date to be determined in December.

The Report of the Transitional Stated Clerk was presented and the items in the Omnibus motion not already voted on were approved by voice vote. Representatives from the First Millersburg, Bellville, Shreve, Central Zanesville and Calvary Canton congregations were given their 2012 Two Cents a Meal awards.

There was no old or new business and presbyters were served dinner by members of the College Drive congregation.

Following dinner, the presbytery reconvened in the sanctuary for an Advent service of worship. Moderator Carlisle preached and presided over the ordination of Alex Barnes as a Teaching Elder of the PC(USA).

The presbytery meeting was adjourned with prayer by Moderator Carlisle at 8:10 pm.

These minutes were prepared by Transitional Stated Clerk Paula Lane.

### Appendix 3: Prior Meeting Minutes for Approval (4 sets of Minutes) Meeting 2 of 4: February 25, 2013

MINUTES  
OF THE STATED MEETING  
OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY  
Monday, February 25, 2013  
Milton Presbyterian Church, Rittman, Ohio

Moderator Teaching Elder Jon Carlisle (Coshocton) called to order the special-called meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery with prayer at 10:00 am. The Stated Clerk confirmed that there was a quorum present pursuant to the presbytery's bylaws and the Meeting Roll that follows. The Moderator reminded MVP Commissioners that this Special Called meeting was called at the request of the MVP Committee on Ministry, representing at least two teaching elders and two ruling elders of different congregations, and that the only business to be considered at this meeting was the following:

Presentation of his Statement of Faith by Ruling Elder Marcel Allen van Bulck, a candidate for ordination as a Teaching Elder of PC(USA), currently under care of New Harmony Presbytery (South Carolina), and examination before Muskingum Valley Presbytery for certification of his readiness for ordination at as Teaching Elder of the PC(USA) and acceptance of the call to serve as pastor of the Seville Presbyterian Church.

Teaching Elder Alex Barnes, host pastor, welcomed all those present and described the facilities of the Milton church. Following his introduction by Teaching Elder Chris Stewart, Chair of COM, Marcel (Marc) van Bulck presented his Statement of Faith and responded to questions. The examination was closed by consensus and Marc left the room. Discussion ensued and was ended by consensus.

By motion, second and unanimous vote, Marcel Allen van Bulck was approved for ordination as a Teaching Elder of the PC(USA). Marc returned to applause and was advised of the vote. Marc had previously requested that his ordination take place at his home church, First Presbyterian Church in Sumter, SC.

By motion and unanimous vote, pursuant to the PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.07, the Stated Clerk was directed to forward the request of Muskingum Valley Presbytery to the Presbytery of New Harmony to ordain Marcel van Bulck so he can accept the call, previously approved by MVP/COM, from Seville Presbyterian Church, Seville, Ohio, and be installed as their pastor by Muskingum Valley Presbytery at a future date to be determined.

There being no further business to conduct, the special meeting was adjourned by consensus at 10:50 am and the Moderator offered a closing prayer.

These minutes were prepared by Transitional Stated Clerk Paula Lane.

Appendix 3: Prior Meeting Minutes for Approval (4 sets of Minutes)  
Meeting 3 of 4: May 19, 2014

**MINUTES  
OF THE STATED MEETING  
AND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CORPORATION  
OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY**  
"The Presbytery Gathers for Mission Immersion"  
Monday, May 19, 2014 (1:00 pm)  
The Weber Retreat and Conference Center on the campus of Adrian Dominican Sisters  
1257 East Siena Heights Drive, Adrian, MI

The May 19, 2014 Stated Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Corporation of Muskingum Valley Presbytery began with Presbytery Moderator and Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Pollock (Bloomfield) called the business portion of the Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery and the Annual Meeting of the Corporation to order with prayer at 1:17 pm.

It was confirmed that there was a quorum of teaching and ruling elders present, as defined in MVP bylaws, and as verified by the following roll of those who registered their presence:

The business portion of the meeting was attended to very quickly and included the following:

Joan Brode presented financial report for approval and included a review of 2013 and 2014. She would like to see the Presbytery develop new revenue/income streams to support our missions.

**MOTION/Recommendation:** For a 30-year lease for \$1/year with details worked out by Admin chair / treasurer regarding the lease with Pleasant Hills Outdoor Center (PHOC). **APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** To receive 2013 financials (as presented / including 2014 YTD) for Annual Meeting of Corporation – **APPROVED.**

**MOTION:** To receive and accept into record the minutes from the February 25, 2014 and the April 1, 2014 meetings of Muskingum Valley Presbytery – **APPROVED**

**MOTION:** To approve the Omnibus motion from Council regarding PHOC and the Terms of call between Rev. David Rice and the First Presbyterian Church of Wooster, Ohio – **APPROVED**

A motion to adjourn with Blessing and charge was accepted at 1:45 pm. Prayer was led by Moderator Tim Pollock.

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## Appendix 3: Prior Meeting Minutes for Approval (4 sets of Minutes)

### Meeting 4 of 4: July 30, 2014

**MINUTES**  
**OF THE SPECIALLY-CALLED STATED MEETING**  
**OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY**  
**Wednesday, July 30, 2014 (3:00 pm)**  
JIM's Place, 228 West High Avenue, New Philadelphia, OH

The July 30, 2014 specially-called meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery began with Presbytery Moderator and Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Pollock (Bloomfield) calling the meeting to order with a reading from Psalm 139 and prayer at 3:18 pm.

It was confirmed that there was a quorum of teaching and ruling elders present, as defined in MVP bylaws.

The Moderator welcomed the new pastors present at the meeting: Rich Holmes (Teaching Elder, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Canton, Ohio), Donna Edsall (Commissioned Ruling Elder, Muskingum Presbyterian Church), Darla Revennaugh (Teaching Elder, HR, Dresden-Madison Presbyterian Church), and candidate for ordination examination in preparation for a call to Unity Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio Jeff Bergeson.

Opening worship was led by Teaching Elders Andries Coetzee and Andy Gerhart, both of whom served as Commissioners to the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly. The Order of Worship for this meeting was modified from a service utilized at GA.

After worship, the Moderator introduced the Chair of Parish Elders, Teaching Elder Chris Stewart. Rev. Stewart presented Bob Baird, chair of the PNC at Unity Cambridge. Bob gave an introductory statement on behalf of Jeffrey Bergeson, and officially presented the recommendation of the PNC that Jeff be ordained for ministry at Unity.

Jeff gave a personal introduction and read his statement of faith. He then answered questions from the floor of presbytery. The motion was made to close questions for the examination and passed unanimously by voice. Bergeson was excused from the meeting while Rev. Stewart, on behalf of Parish Elders, made the motion to approve Jeff Bergeson as a candidate to be ordained as a Teaching Elder in the PC(USA), after which time he will be installed at Cambridge Unity Presbyterian Church. As this motion was already passed by Parish Elders, it did not require a second. The ordination is to be held at Unity Presbyterian Church in Cambridge, Ohio on August 31, 2014.

The motion was made to close discussion and move to a vote, and passed unanimously by voice. The motion presented by Chris Stewart on behalf of Parish Elders passed unanimously by voice, and the candidate was greeted with applause upon his return to the meeting. The doxology was sung and a prayer was offered by Moderator Tim Pollock with laying on of hands for Bergeson.

At 4:00, a brief recess was taken for members of Presbytery to get refreshments and to congratulate Bergeson on passing his examination. At 4:15, Teaching Elder Andy Gerhart called the meeting back into order and began the discussion of the Commissioners experiences with the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly and the outcomes thereof. Each commissioner (Coetzee, Gerhart and Elder Yvonne Williams) presented their views and experiences. All who attended the meeting received a copy of "The Assembly in Brief."

Gerhart broke those attended into small groups by table to allow a half hour for discussions among themselves regarding the impact of GA on their congregations. The small groups presented their discussions to the large group and a variety of viewpoints were presented. Teaching Elder Barbara Morrison (Deerfield & McConnelsville) extended thanks to commissioners for their work that was met with applause.

Those assembled acknowledged that the impact of the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly will continue to be felt and dealt with. Moderator Tim Pollock made the motion to close the meeting with prayer at 5:35 pm. It passed unanimously.

These minutes prepared by Ministry Coordinator Candice McMath.



## Appendix 4: Financial Statements Year-to-Date 2014

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### MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY Analysis of Revenues & Expenses 2014 January to August 2014

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Accounts	MTD Actual 2014	YTD Actual 2014	Annual Budget 2014	YTD Actual 2013
<b>Revenues</b>				
<b>Mission</b>				
40000 - Mission MVP	\$7,789.59	\$34,641.74	\$65,000.00	\$36,221.04
40500 - Presbyterian Women	\$0.00	\$391.50	\$1,000.00	\$220.00
40550 - Synod/Campus Ministry	\$0.00	\$3,694.35	\$3,000.00	\$2,406.99
<b>Total Mission</b>	<b>\$7,789.59</b>	<b>\$38,727.59</b>	<b>\$69,000.00</b>	<b>\$38,848.03</b>
<b>Income Streams</b>				
41000 - Per Capita Current Year	\$3,291.75	\$78,566.35	\$165,000.00	\$90,581.57
41100 - Interest	\$29.75	\$305.20	\$500.00	\$275.54
41150 - Leadership Pledges	\$342.52	\$9,790.96	\$20,000.00	\$10,390.80
41155 - Consultations/Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
41156 - Honorarium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00
41160 - Events	\$0.00	\$10.00	\$2,000.00	\$910.00
41165 - Cohorts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
41170 - Assessments	\$125.00	\$2,053.12	\$3,500.00	\$805.98
41200 - Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$2,800.00
41250 - Fair Trade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$103.95
41275 - Book Store	\$20.00	\$572.99	\$500.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Income Streams</b>	<b>\$3,809.02</b>	<b>\$91,298.62</b>	<b>\$209,750.00</b>	<b>\$106,367.84</b>
<b>General Assembly</b>				
42000 - GA Unified Mission	\$4,975.39	\$19,757.80	\$0.00	\$20,768.84
42100 - One Great Hour of Sharing 1999999	\$559.00	\$26,263.04	\$0.00	\$27,732.08
42125 - Christmas Joy 3999999	\$25.00	\$10,110.10	\$0.00	\$9,426.30
42150 - Peacemaking 2/3 6200000	\$0.00	\$1,637.00	\$0.00	\$2,104.10
42175 - Pentecost 90000	\$295.00	\$3,127.71	\$0.00	\$3,619.44
42180 - Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$240.00
42200 - Undesignated Disaster	\$0.00	\$1,600.00	\$0.00	\$1,300.00
42201 - CWS Blanket Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$355.00
42299 - Theological Ed 1%	\$883.98	\$1,414.54	\$0.00	\$1,297.14
42340 - Student Scholar McGilvary 862414	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
42360 - Medical Benevolence 20862700	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
42380 - Other Designated GA Mission	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
42390 - Misc. GA Mission	\$0.00	\$1,300.00	\$0.00	\$1,250.00
42500 - Per Capita GA	\$1,258.57	\$26,015.42	\$0.00	\$29,268.68
<b>Total General Assembly</b>	<b>\$7,996.94</b>	<b>\$91,925.61</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$98,061.58</b>
<b>Synod</b>				
42600 - Synod Unified Mission	\$873.60	\$4,686.27	\$0.00	\$5,180.73
42700 - Per Capita Synod	\$582.59	\$12,152.96	\$0.00	\$13,888.89
<b>Total Synod</b>	<b>\$1,456.19</b>	<b>\$16,839.23</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$19,069.62</b>
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>\$21,051.74</b>	<b>\$238,791.05</b>	<b>\$278,750.00</b>	<b>\$262,347.07</b>

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<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>Office</b>				
50100 - Utilities Gas/Electric	\$430.07	\$3,570.33	\$4,000.00	\$3,830.66
50110 - Water/Sewer	\$80.38	\$857.29	\$500.00	\$522.47
50150 - Equipment Maint and Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$766.20
50175 - Software Support	\$364.90	\$2,958.10	\$5,500.00	\$2,977.65
50200 - Copier	\$0.00	\$2,013.21	\$4,200.00	\$3,544.32
50250 - Supplies	\$0.00	\$1,498.13	\$3,000.00	\$1,888.09
50300 - Postage	\$36.23	\$1,005.67	\$2,000.00	\$1,297.60
50350 - Telephone/Web	\$475.28	\$4,425.80	\$9,000.00	\$4,502.13
50400 - Audit	\$0.00	\$395.00	\$4,000.00	\$65.00
50450 - Capital Replace/Computer	\$0.00	\$37.50	\$4,000.00	\$300.00
50500 - Office Contingency	\$70.80	\$982.20	\$1,500.00	\$1,047.45
50501 - Bank Fees	\$33.80	\$131.91	\$0.00	\$0.00
50550 - Office/Grounds Maint and Repair	\$275.35	\$2,966.07	\$8,000.00	\$2,152.66
50650 - Staff Expenses	\$0.00	\$297.43	\$500.00	\$0.00
50750 - Insurance/Property & Liability	\$0.00	\$5.00	\$3,500.00	\$3,429.00
50800 - Property Tax	\$0.00	\$3,160.40	\$3,300.00	\$3,179.24
<b>Total Office</b>	<b>\$1,766.81</b>	<b>\$24,304.04</b>	<b>\$54,500.00</b>	<b>\$29,502.47</b>
<b>Council</b>				
51000 - Coordinating Council	(\$1,867.71)	\$5,702.76	\$15,000.00	\$8,367.00
51015 - Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$30.85
51050 - Training	(\$100.00)	(\$2,534.15)	\$5,000.00	\$3,674.43
<b>Total Council</b>	<b>(\$1,967.71)</b>	<b>\$3,168.61</b>	<b>\$20,500.00</b>	<b>\$12,072.28</b>
<b>Ministry</b>				
52500 - COM/Parish Elders Committee Expense	\$33.51	\$715.84	\$5,000.00	\$1,377.88
52550 - Cohort Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$62.74
52560 - Assessments	\$895.65	\$2,889.97	\$500.00	\$155.89
52580 - Pastor to Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
52585 - Background Checks	\$0.00	\$299.00	\$250.00	\$573.10
52590 - Consultation Expense	\$0.00	\$314.84	\$350.00	\$0.00
52595 - Training & Development	\$0.00	\$1,485.00	\$2,000.00	\$30.71
<b>Total Ministry</b>	<b>\$929.16</b>	<b>\$5,704.65</b>	<b>\$10,100.00</b>	<b>\$2,200.32</b>
<b>Nominating/Discernment Commiss</b>				
53000 - Nominating/Discernment Comm Expense	\$0.00	\$44.81	\$250.00	\$9.26
<b>Total Nominating/Discernment Commiss</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$44.81</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$9.26</b>
<b>Mission</b>				
<b>Youth Ministry</b>				
52060 - M/Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Youth Ministry</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>	<b>\$250.00</b>	<b>\$0.00</b>
<b>Inactive Accounts</b>				
52030 - M/Resource Center Resources	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$0.00

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Total Inactive Accounts	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Mission	\$25.00	\$25.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
CPM/Calling Commission				
54000 - Preparation/Calling Comm Expense	\$0.00	\$40.53	\$250.00	\$0.00
54010 - M/Annual Consultation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
54020 - Background Checks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
54030 - M/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
54040 - M/Preparation For Min Financial Aid	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
54050 - Psychological Assessments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$200.00
Total CPM/Calling Commission	\$0.00	\$40.53	\$1,800.00	\$200.00
Parliamentary				
55600 - PJC Committee Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
55601 - Administrative Commission	\$0.00	\$258.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
55602 - Investigative Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Parliamentary	\$0.00	\$258.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Personnel				
General Presbyter				
56000 - M/GP Salary	\$1,283.26	\$10,266.08	\$15,399.00	\$10,266.08
56010 - M/GP Housing	\$3,466.66	\$27,733.28	\$41,600.00	\$27,733.28
56020 - M/GP SECA	\$409.26	\$3,274.08	\$4,911.00	\$3,274.08
56025 - GP Professional Expense	\$161.99	\$2,156.74	\$1,500.00	\$1,372.80
56030 - GP Pension/Medical/D&D	\$1,944.14	\$16,632.52	\$23,329.68	\$14,693.12
56040 - GP Medical Reimbursement	\$20.00	\$1,277.16	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
56050 - GP Continuing Education	\$600.00	\$4,800.00	\$9,200.00	\$6,386.70
56060 - GP Travel	\$2,782.02	\$5,204.91	\$7,000.00	\$1,931.20
Total General Presbyter	\$10,667.33	\$71,344.77	\$104,939.68	\$67,657.26
Stated Clerk				
56200 - SC Stipend	\$0.00	\$1,255.92	\$7,000.00	\$5,023.68
56225 - SC Professional Expense	\$0.00	\$112.94	\$500.00	\$86.15
56250 - SC Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
56260 - SC Travel/GA Expense	\$0.00	\$632.76	\$2,100.00	\$450.92
Total Stated Clerk	\$0.00	\$2,001.62	\$9,600.00	\$5,960.75
Financial Admin				
56300 - FA Salary	\$1,268.34	\$10,102.38	\$14,880.00	\$8,256.00
56320 - FA FICA	\$97.04	\$772.91	\$954.00	\$631.52
56340 - FA Medical Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Total Financial Admin	\$1,365.38	\$10,875.29	\$16,334.00	\$8,887.52
Admin Assist				
56400 - AA Salary	\$2,120.00	\$16,960.00	\$25,440.00	\$18,020.00
56420 - AA FICA	\$162.18	\$1,297.44	\$2,025.00	\$1,378.53
56430 - AA Pension/Medical/D&D	\$1,079.40	\$7,555.80	\$12,952.80	\$7,609.04
56440 - AA Medical Reimbursement	\$14.22	\$199.74	\$2,000.00	\$1,193.29

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Total Admin Assist	\$3,375.80	\$26,012.98	\$42,417.80	\$28,200.86
Sub Contractors				
56700 - Custodian	\$279.00	\$1,219.50	\$2,500.00	\$1,242.00
Total Sub Contractors	\$279.00	\$1,219.50	\$2,500.00	\$1,242.00
Other Personnel				
56650 - Non-Exempt Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$1,038.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
56660 - Non-Exempt Travel	\$0.00	\$2,365.35	\$2,000.00	\$297.66
56850 - Workers Compensation	\$0.00	\$172.66	\$200.00	\$233.53
56875 - Presbytery Car (for GP)-CRV	\$163.96	\$1,975.55	\$3,000.00	\$1,458.71
Total Other Personnel	\$163.96	\$5,551.56	\$6,700.00	\$1,989.90
Total Personnel	\$15,851.47	\$117,005.72	\$182,491.48	\$113,938.29
General Assembly				
57000 - GA Unified Mission	\$0.00	\$38,706.21	\$0.00	\$16,875.79
57010 - One Great Hour of Sharing 1999999	\$0.00	\$9,336.20	\$0.00	\$6,822.72
57015 - Christmas Joy 3999999	\$0.00	\$14,294.30	\$0.00	\$21,222.00
57020 - Peacemaking 2/3 6200000	\$0.00	\$5,063.07	\$0.00	\$5,757.90
57025 - Pentecost 90000	\$0.00	\$9,785.59	\$0.00	\$3,901.13
57030 - Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$1,470.00	\$0.00	\$300.00
57040 - Undesignated Disaster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,418.55
57045 - CWS Blanket Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,195.00
57050 - Misc. Designated Disaster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,625.00
57150 - Theology Ed. 1%	\$0.00	\$1,004.51	\$0.00	\$1,783.55
57200 - Student Scholar McGilvary 862414	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$200.00
57210 - Medical Benevolence-20862700	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
57230 - Other Designated GA Mission	\$0.00	\$899.90	\$0.00	\$125.00
57240 - Misc. GA Mission	\$0.00	\$3,102.00	\$0.00	\$8,065.92
57300 - Per Capita GA	\$0.00	\$10,525.72	\$0.00	\$17,271.46
Total General Assembly	\$0.00	\$94,387.50	\$0.00	\$88,064.02
Synod				
57400 - Synod Unified Mission	\$0.00	\$6,347.75	\$0.00	\$5,509.19
57500 - Per Capita Synod	\$0.00	\$12,089.99	\$0.00	\$15,394.95
Total Synod	\$0.00	\$18,437.74	\$0.00	\$20,904.14
Total Expenses	\$16,604.73	\$263,376.60	\$270,991.48	\$266,890.78
Net Total	\$4,447.01	(\$24,585.55)	\$7,758.52	(\$4,543.71)

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Other Revenues				
60001 - Investment Income	\$0.00	\$2,852.07	\$0.00	\$2,648.25
60002 - Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$0.00	\$28,643.86	\$0.00	\$31,903.53
Total Other Revenues	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$31,495.93</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$34,551.78</u>
Net Operating Total	\$4,447.01	\$6,910.38	\$7,758.52	\$30,008.07

## Appendix 5: Karol Farris, Statement of Faith

### **Karol Farris Statement of Faith**

I believe in one God, source of all that is. We experience God in three distinct ways, as Creator, Christ, and Spirit. This doctrine of the Trinity reminds us that God is infinite, always beyond human understanding. Though we were created good and in the image of God, human beings rebelled against our Creator and tainted the goodness of creation with sin, which separates us from God. Yet God is faithful, acting in love with justice and mercy to redeem creation and heal its brokenness. We are justified only by God's grace through Jesus Christ. Though we have faith in the assurance of our salvation, we strive to live in obedience to God. Through the process of sanctification, God's grace is continuously being made manifest in our lives, drawing us ever closer to God.

I believe in Jesus Christ, the ultimate revelation of God. As God incarnate, Christ is both fully human and fully divine. Jesus understands our human experiences because he shared our needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. During his ministry, Jesus responded to challenges from human authorities and ministered to those on the margins of society. His radical actions of healing, feeding, teaching, forgiving sins, and refusing to deny his divine identity led those in power to condemn him to death by crucifixion. In the Resurrection, Christ overcame sin and death, reconciled us to God, and enables us to live forever in God's presence. Through our faith in Christ's victory, God graciously allows us to repent of our wrongs and to participate in new life with Christ, our Lord and Savior.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the presence of God within us. The Spirit guides us and gives us strength, as Jesus did for his followers while on earth. Just as God created and redeemed us, God ever renews us on our journey through the power of the Spirit. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and the apostles inspires us today. The Spirit claims us in the waters of baptism as God's adopted children and nourishes us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation throughout our life of faith. We are thus empowered to go out into our broken and fearful world to participate in God's work. The Holy Spirit guides not only individuals but the Church in striving to fulfill God's mission on earth.

I believe that Scripture is the word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit. Though it was written across a large span of time, the Bible is unified by a common theme—a love story between God and humanity: God loves us, we turn away, and God relentlessly pursues us, leading us to turn around. God is consistently faithful to humanity, even though we are consistently unfaithful to God. Through Scripture we learn about Christ, who, as the living Word of God, serves as the standard against which we test our interpretation of the whole of God's revelation. Although the Bible is divinely inspired, its words were written by humans who were limited by their historical circumstances. As such, Scripture must be considered in the contexts of its origins. Likewise, when we read the Bible, we must recognize that we also come to it bound by our own contexts. The Holy Spirit has the power to speak to people in all times and places, so we must remain open to the Spirit's guidance as we interpret Scripture.

I believe that the Church serves as Christ's presence in the world. With Christ as its head, this body of believers is united by the Holy Spirit. Because of God's love for us as a covenant people, we are called to love God and all people. We are called to be a light to the world, to share the hope of our faith, and to work for wholeness where there is brokenness. With a prophetic voice, the Church speaks the Good News that in Jesus Christ sin is forgiven, divisions are overcome, and reconciliation is accomplished. This good news is not limited to the Church, but extends to all of humanity and all of God's creation. I rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord (Rom. 8:38-39).

*Muskingum University / Caldwell First Presbyterian Church Intern*

## Appendix 6: Letter from the Parish Elders to New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church



### Letter from Parish Elders to New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church

The Administrative Commission for New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church (formed at the February 25, 2014 stated meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery) will be dismissed with deep thanks for their work under the two conditions. The first condition is that:

**Muskingum Valley Presbytery, through the Parish Elders, assume “responsibility and power” for the oversight of First Presbyterian Church, New Philadelphia [per G-3.0301a].** To that end, the Parish Elders appoint the following people to serve as:

1. **Moderator:** Ruling Elder Jim Spain has been appointed to serve as moderator. It is expected that the Session of New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church shall monthly compensate for his honorarium (\$100/meeting) and travel.
2. **Preaching & Sacraments:** The following people have been approved to fill the pulpit and preside at the sacraments (\$100/service and travel, to be paid by the Session):
  - Teaching Elder John Lane
  - Teaching Elder C. David Morgan
  - Teaching Elder Sue Ann Schmidt

It is the responsibility of the Session to coordinate scheduling with the individuals directly. Please note approval has **not** been given for any other individuals to fill the pulpit at this time or to preside at the sacraments. Request may be made for the Parish Elders for approval of additional names (including church members and lay preachers), pending clearance. Such requests should be directed to Candice McMath at [Candice@MVPJourney.org](mailto:Candice@MVPJourney.org).

3. **Pastoral Care:** Teaching Elders Mark Unrue, John Lane and Sue Ann Schmidt have agreed to be on call for emergency pastoral care. Presbytery has set the compensation rate at \$25/hour, plus travel.

Additionally, the Parish Elders have appointed a team to serve as “pastor, counselor, and advisor” to the session and congregation per G-3.0307. Serving on that team will be Teaching Elder Jim McCurdy and Ruling Elder Kathy Kettlewell.

The second condition under which the Administrative Commission was dissolved is that:

**The team of Teaching Elder Jim McCurdy and Ruling Elder Kathy Kettlewell will meet quarterly with the Session, and make recommendation to the presbytery no later than September 2015 as to the congregation’s continued ministry and mission.** In order for more permanent leadership to be considered and for the Parish Elders to recommend continued existence, the following expectations must be met:

1. Both Session and Congregation shall participate in a review the *Standards of Ethical Conduct* of the PCUSA at specially called congregational meeting to be moderated by Ruling Elder Jim Spain by November 15, 2014.
2. The congregation shall participate in a *Consultation* at the congregation’s expense to develop a new vision with the Rev. Dr. Peter Steinke; the first phase of the process is to be completed by the end of the first quarter 2015.

“The good news of the Gospel is that the triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—creates, redeems, sustains, rules and transforms all things and all people” (F-1.01).