

MINUTES OF THE STATED MEETING OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY

“The Presbytery Gathers for Fellowship, Worship and Business”

Tuesday, February 25, 2014 (10:00 am – 4:00 pm)

First Presbyterian Church of Wooster

621 College Avenue, Wooster, Ohio



Mission Statement: First Presbyterian Church is a Christian community dedicated to showing God's love through worship, study, social justice, outreach, and fellowship.

Vision Statement: The First Presbyterian Church of Wooster is a covenant community on a spiritual journey in response to what God has done for us in Christ. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, we join together to worship God, strive to be a nurturing community where all who want to be disciples of Christ feel welcome, and invite people to join others in working together, studying and growing in faith. We go forth into the world to proclaim the good news of God's grace, minister in Christ's name to those in need, and work for justice, reconciliation, and peace.



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 February 25, 2014 Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery began with a worship service at 10:00 am. The Order of Worship for this service is attached as Appendix 1.

Presbytery Moderator and Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Pollock (Bloomfield) called the business portion of the Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery to order with prayer at 11:24 am. His prayer included those individuals, congregations and situations offered by commissioners, including a reading of the 2013 Necrology Report, as reported by the churches in the Presbytery (Appendix 2).

The Clerk 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)

Presbytery Officers		
Moderator	Commissioned Ruling Elder Tim Pollock (Bloomfield)	P
Vice Moderator	Teaching Elder Mike Parker (First Ashland)	P
Transitional Stated Clerk	Ruling Elder Paula Lane	P
Treasurer	Council Elder Joan Brode	P
Council Moderator	Teaching Elder David deVries (Christ, Canton)	E

Teaching Elders in Active Service			
Dennis Allison, HR (Trinity, Zanesville)		Keith Leach (First, Cambridge)	P
Cathleen Arble, HR (John Knox, North Canton)		James McCurdy (First, Alliance)	P
Burnetta Armour (Clark & First, Millersburg)	P	Burt McGlawn (First, Carrollton)	P
Nancy Bacon (Christ Lutheran, Massillon)		Bob Meyer (Wayne, Wooster)	P
Bruce Ballantine (First, Wooster)	P	Linda Morgan Clement (The College of Wooster)	P
Alex Barnes (Milton, Rittman)	P	Barbara Morrison (Deerfield & McConnelsville)	P
Barbara Bartholomew (Christ Lutheran, Austintown)	P	Ray Morrison (Central, Zanesville)	P
Carolyn Behrendt (Dennison)		Will Mullins (Caldwell & Muskingum University)	
Mark Behrendt (Walnut Creek UCC)		Rick Nutt (Muskingum University)	
Marc van Bulck (First, Seville)	P	Thomas O'Connor (Beverly)	
Jon Carlisle (The Presbyterian Church, Coshocton)	E	Michael Parker (First, Ashland)	P
Andries Coetzee (Westminster, Wooster)	P	Alice Phillips (Creston)	P
Christopher Cottrell (Congress & West Salem)		Jackie Pinkowski (First, New Philadelphia)	P
David deVries (Christ, Canton)		Deborah Rundlett (MVP General Presbyter)	P
Sue Dixon (Ashland University)		Lynn Bozich Shetzer (Unity, Cambridge)	P
Ben George (First, Minerva)		Suellen Skinner (Brighton, Zanesville)	P
Andrew Gerhart (Veto)	P	David Smith (Marietta)	P
Ryan Hale (Stillfork, Augusta Corinth, Mechanicstown)		Christopher Stewart (Shreve & Hopewell)	P
Darrell Holmes, HR (Reedurban, North Canton)		James Story (Muskingum & Fazeysburg)	
Tom Houston (John Knox, North Canton)		Terry Timson (Roseville & New Lexington)	
Susan Hyland (First, Senecaville)		Ellen Thomas (Westminster, New Concord)	P
Lawrence Jack (East Union, Cambridge)		Mark Unrue (First, Uhrichsville)	P
Linda Kaufman (Plymouth)	P	JoAnn Watson (Ashland University)	
Mary Jane Knapp (First, Wellsburg WVa)	P	William Watt (Covenant, North Canton)	
David Krankovick, (Carrollton & Scroggsfield)		Anne Weirich (College Drive, New Concord)	P
Larry Lalama (Central, Massillon)	P	Richard Wereley, HR (Northminster, North Canton)	P
Diana Lantz (US Navy Chaplain)		Karin Wright (Bellville)	

Temporary Minister Members (G-2.0506)

Peter Mathewson (Bakersville & Fresno)	P	Jim Randas (Lexington)	P
Dr. Joel Soza (Waynesburg)			
David Kamphuis (Duncan Falls)			
Joe Svencara			

Teaching Elders Members-at-Large

Matthew Skolnik		Francis Williams-Neal	
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Temporary Minister Members (G-2.0506)

Wayne Barnard				
Stuart Barr		Keith Brown	P	James Rila
Edward Bennett		James Collier		John Russell
Donald Bartow		Joanne Cox		Richard Scherpenisse
James Bean		Charles Cureton	P	Sue Ann Schmidt
Richard Greenwood		Jack Dawson		Eldon Trubee
David Kearns-Preston		John Dryer		Jack Visser
Harold Keesee		Dudley Field		James Watt
Cloyd Kress		Ralph Fogal		William Yoder
Floyd Starr		John Lane	P	
Rollin Steele		William McClelland		
Elizabeth Sykes		Robert Millspaugh	P	
Gordon Tait		C. David Morgan		
Hugh Berry	P	Roger Naftzger		
Virginia Birks	P	Reford Nash		
William Briggs		Douglas Patton		
Ross Gooch		James Schumacher		
Ralph Green		Jerry Snyder		

Commissioned Ruling Elders (in service)

Kathy Adams (East Hills, Mansfield)		Herb Perry (Putnam, Zanesville)	
Thomas Allmon (Bethesda & Hanoverton)		Tim Pollock (Bloomfield)	P
Jim Gibson (Cumberland Buffalo & Rix Mills)	P	Jack Sharp (Savannah)	
Rick Hastings (Barlow & Belpre Pioneer)	P	Kathleen Walkerow (Loudonville & Perrysville)	
James McConnell (Fresno & Nottingham)		Merlin Wentworth (Antrim & Old Washington)	
Ann Melick (First, Alliance)		Ron Walker (CRE Training)	

Council Elders / Parish Elders (if not previously registered)

Cathy Piekarski	P	Dave Rogers	P
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Parish Elders (if not previously registered)

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Enrolled Enquirers & Candidates

Ben Behrendt			
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Ruling Elder Commissioners			
Alliance First		McConnelsville First – Sandy Hall	P
Antrim		Mechanicstown Corinth	
Ashland First		Millersburg First – John Etsill	P
Augusta Stillfork		Minerva First	
Bakersville		Muskingum	
Barlow		Nankin Federated	
Bellville		New Concord, College Drive	
Belpre Pioneer – Sue Denes	P	New Concord, Westminster	
Beverly		New Harrisburg	
Bloomfield		New Lexington	
Caldwell First		New Philadelphia First	
Cambridge East Union		North Canton Covenant	
Cambridge First – Connie Humphrey	P	North Canton John Knox	
Cambridge Mount Hermon		North Canton Northminster	
Cambridge Unity – Nancy Umberger	P	North Salem	
Canton Calvary		Norwich	
Canton Christ		Nottingham	
Canton Reedurban		Old Washington	
Carrollton First		Orrville First	
Carrollton United		Perrysville First	
Clark Community		Plymouth First	
Congress Federated		Rittman Milton – John Clifton	P
Coshocton		Rix Mills	
Creston		Roseville	
Cumberland Buffalo		Savannah	
Dalton – Karol Niehaus	P	Scroggsfield	
Dennison First		Senecaville	
Dresden Madison		Seville	
Duncan Falls		Sharon	
Fazeysburg		Shreve – Linda Chupp	P
Fresno		Veto	
Hanoverton		Warsaw First	
Hanoverton-Bethesda		Watertown	
High Hill		Waynesburg First United	
Hopewell		Wooster First	
Lexington		Wooster Wayne – Larry Amstutz	P
Loudonville First		Wooster Westminster	
Malta Deerfield		Zanesville Brighton – Linda Suttom	P
Mansfield East Hills		Zanesville Central	
Mansfield Linden Road		Zanesville Putnam	
Marietta First – Gib Moody	P	Zanesville Trinity	
Massillon Central			

Visitors			
Sandi Butterbaugh (Shreve)	P	Donna Robertson (Milton Rittman)	P
Leroy Curtis (First Wooster)	P	Doris Stammer (Hopewell)	P
Gary Friend (St. John's UCC Strasburg)	P	Barbara Tatir (Wooster Westminster)	P
Cindy Foster (UOUP)	P	Richard Wayt (Cambridge First)	P
Cindy Krause (Cambridge Unity)	P	Wanda Young (Canton Christ)	P

After the opening prayer, the docket for the meeting was approved by consensus (Appendix 3).

The first item of business (“The Beloved Community: How Will We Organize?—Review of Transitional Bylaws and Vote” – Appendix 4) concerned the review of the Bylaws of Muskingum Valley Presbytery. Moderator Tim Pollock had those present gather in small groups for prayerful discussion of the Bylaws. As they read, they discussed among themselves (and later with the group) the scriptures or biblical images that came to mind while reviewing the document. The group reconvened at 12:00 pm for a discussion of the bylaws.

Questions were raised regarding specific language in the bylaws:

1. “Why are they ‘transitional’ bylaws?” – As answered by the Moderator, the title of the document reflects the state of transition we are currently in, and how we serve the presbytery in light of the New Form of Government (NFOG) of the PCUSA.
2. “How did we get here? Why are we doing this?” – As answered by General Presbyter Debbie Rundlett, following an analogy created by George Bullard: The bylaws were created with the thought of Vision in the driver’s seat of the car of church work. The car contains Vision, Relationships, Ministry and Structure. The bylaws were designed for flexibility, short enough to be read, with enough structure to support the Vision, Relationships and Ministry of Muskingum Valley Presbytery and keeping us accountable. They also reflect and support the missional foundations in the new Book of Order and NFOG. The General Presbyter also thanked C. David Morgan for his contribution in the “Labor of love” to review and create the new transitional bylaws.
3. “For Chapter 5, Section 2, in regards to the formation of the Council of MVP, should it be specified that members of Council are not to be from the same church?” The question was debated thoroughly and proposed including language from Chapter 3, Section 4 to clarify the matter. **A motion was made that Chapter 5, Section 2 include the language “not from the same congregation” (as specified in Chapter 3, Section 4). The motion was seconded and carried.**
4. It was proposed that “Specialized Clergy and Certified Christian Educators (CCE)” be identified in the document wherever Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders are identified. During the group discussion, review of the Book of Order showed that if a CCE is not an elder, they have voice only. CCE need to be CRE’s in order to have vote. A motion to identify CCE’s specifically along with TE and RE’s in the new bylaws was withdrawn.

A motion was made to adopt the bylaws. The motion was seconded. The motion carried with two absentia votes.

The group broke for fellowship and lunch at 12:30 pm. The meeting reconvened at 1:10 pm to recognize the contributions of Transitional Stated Clerk Paula Lane and celebrate her retirement, effective with the February 25, 2014 Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery. Teaching Elder Larry Lalama, Commissioned Ruling Elder and Moderator Tim Pollock, and General Presbyter Debbie Rundlett all spoke in honor of Paula and presented her with a presbytery gift of a set of 4 glasses and a book written for Paula, “The Hedgehog and the Hare,” written and illustrated by Mission Coordinator Candice McMath. Paula thanked the Presbytery for their love and support of her in her journey.

The Omnibus motion (Appendix 5) was presented to the body. A motion was made to accept the omnibus. The motion carried.

Teaching Elder Christopher Stewart (Shreve and Hopewell) presented the Action Items to the Presbytery (also included on Appendix 5). Specific discussion regarding the Action Items went as follows:

1. Regarding the Recommendation of the New Philadelphia First Response Team to form an Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of New Philadelphia:
 - a. “Why is the current pastor on the Commission?” – As answered by Christopher Stewart, the current pastor is not installed or elected to that congregation, and it is appropriate for her to be on the commission.
 - b. Treasurer and Response Team Member Joan Brode spoke to the necessity for the formation of the AC, as well as noting that the Session of New Phila First has requested that this commission be formed.
 - c. **The Motion was made to elect an AC for New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church. (Full language found in Appendix 6). The motion was seconded and carried with one “no” vote.**
2. Regarding the request of Mr. Robert Hauser for reinstatement: The request has been moved for discussion at a specially called meeting in April 2014.
3. The candidate for Vice Moderator presented was Teaching Elder Mike Parker of Ashland First Presbyterian Church. **The motion was made to nominate Parker as Vice Moderator. The motion was seconded and carried.**
4. The Discipleship and Discernment team led by Teaching Elder Bob Meyer presented the slate of candidates for the Serving in Mission and Equipping Commissions, as well as the Class of 2018 for the PJC. Teaching Elder John Lane requested to be removed from the Class of 2018 PJC. **The Motion was made to elect the Serving in Mission Commission, the Equipping Commission and elect Teaching Elder Virginia Birks to the Class of 2018 PJC. The motion was seconded and carried.**
5. **The minutes of the December 3, 2013 Stated Meeting were approved by consensus, along with the 2013 year-end Financial Report of Muskingum Valley Presbytery (Appendix 7) and the 2014 current financial report of Muskingum Valley Presbytery (Appendix 8).**

Teaching Elder Andrew Gerhart (Veto) spoke on behalf of Teaching Elder David deVries (Canton Christ) regarding the Transitional Stated Clerk process:

1. The Council of Muskingum Valley Presbytery has approved Teaching Elder Virginia Birks as clerk pro tem.
2. In discovering the Lord’s journey for us going forward, we are calling on external resources to help us in this transition:
 - a. Jody LeFort from the Presbytery of Western Reserve will come work with Mission Coordinator Candice McMath on Stated Clerk items that will now be handled at the Mission Center.
 - b. Jim Wilson, Esq. (Stated Clerk of Scioto Valley, OGA Parliamentarian) will be available as parliamentarian.
 - c. Jill Hudson (Mid Council Coordinator, Stated Clerk) will lead a one-day retreat for Council and Parish Elders to review the transition process.
 - d. We will partner with three other presbyteries who have different models of operation: National Capital, Charlotte and St. Augustine, as we search for a new stated clerk.

Other reports were presented for the good of those gathered.

- Teaching Elder and newly-elected Vice Moderator Mike Parker (First Ashland) spoke regarding “The Journey” series of workshops being hosted by Muskingum Valley Presbytery. The workshops involve discovering and serving God’s call for your life.
- Donna Robertson (Rittman Milton) spoke on behalf of the Retreat Ministry Mission Group’s upcoming retreat, “Resting in God,” to be held in May 2014 and led by Teaching Elder Robin Craig (formerly of MVP and serving the Nankin Federated Church).
- Teaching Elder and member of Serving in Mission Commission Rick Hastings (Barlow/Belpre Pioneer) spoke regarding the upcoming training events for those interested in lay preaching and Commissioned Ruling Elder training.
 - “Believing Out Loud: Finding Your Preaching Voice” one-day lay preaching seminar to be held on Saturday, May 15, 2014 at the Mission Center. Hastings encouraged attendance by those who wish to “test the waters of lay preaching” as well as supply in-house preaching on Sundays when pastors are unable to preach.
 - Commissioned Ruling Elder training will begin with a new cohort slated for Fall 2014.
- Treasurer Joan Brode spoke to introduce herself to those gathered and present her goals as treasurer, including working with our congregations to be able to discover and accurately report their missional service as well as statistical information.

The motion to adjourn was made at seconded at 2:12 pm. Pastor and Moderator Tim Pollock closed the meeting with prayer.

The next Stated Meeting of the Muskingum Valley Presbytery will be held in May during the three-day retreat, location to be confirmed in March.

These minutes were prepared by Candice McMath, Mission Coordinator.

Muskingum Valley Presbytery
The Presbytery Gathers for Worship
Tuesday, February 25, 2014
10:00 o'clock in the Morning

Prelude

*Call to Worship +

Leader: Whatever you do, in word or deed,
Congregation: **do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus.**

*Prayer of the Day ++

Wonderful God, so indiscriminate is your love, so heedless of color and nationality and class, falling like sun and rain on all your children, the righteous and the unrighteous, the just and the unjust. For your lavish, gracious care we give you thanks and praise. Come now and sow in our hearts the seed of your word. Come and knead into our spirit the leaven of your Spirit. And may your seed and leaven transform our words and deeds, so that others might come to know your love, and give you praise. Through Jesus Christ our Lord and friend. **Amen**

*Hymn 724 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

Prayer of Confession ++ (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have been the faithful sower, scattering seeds of God's love and grace in our lives. Yet we confess that our hearts have often been like hard soil, or shallow soil, or thorny soil, stunting the seed and failing to bear fruit. We also confess that we often have neglected our task of sowing the good news of your Kingdom, and of leavening the lives of others with your love. Forgive us, and renew us, so that we might grow more in our faith and bear the fruit of your mercy, of your love, of your undying life.

Here each worshiper may offer personal, silent confession.

Leader: Lord, hear our prayers.
Congregation: **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon +
Hear the good news! Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us. Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

*Gloria Patri

*Passing of the Peace

Leader: The Peace of Christ be with you.
Congregation: **And also with you.**

SERMON:
The Urgent Call to Follow, Luke 9:56-62 -- A Witness
*Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

Hard Work and Harvest: Galatians 6:9-10, A Witness

A Moment for Silent Reflection

Lost Love: Revelation 2:3, A Witness

Conclusion

*Hymn 732

“Rejoice in God’s Saints”

Litany for Mission +++

Word of blessing, Word of Life, you speak, and it is so. You have spoken to us and now await our consent to your newness of life.

Let it be unto me according to your Word.

With hands of power you tenderly scooped the earth together to make humans. All people’s being stands as a witness to your love.

Help us to see your image in all faces.

You hollow out a special people to serve as instruments of your grace, breathing into us your Spirit, so we can trumpet forth the victory of Jesus Christ over all that hurts or destroys.

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace.

You hear the cries of creation groaning for new life, the scream of terror, the “No!” to evil, the whimpers of hungry children, and stunned silence beyond hope.

Open our lips, that we may amplify your Word above the din of destruction.

With nail-scarred hands you comfort the crying child, hold the grief-stricken, raise up the fallen, bind up the broken-hearted, and reach out to those who work for your shalom.

We place our hands in yours to join in your work.

Lord of Life, bless those who place their lives in your service despite risk of death. Give them the fearless boldness of your love, and protect them from all that hurts or destroys. Count us, O Lord, among those who risk all in glad service to you in whatever mission field you send us to work.

Here I am, Lord. Send me.

This we pray in the Spirit of the One who sends us all to be light and salt to the bland darkness of the world, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. May your name, O God, be magnified in all glory and honor and dominion that is yours now and forevermore.

Amen.

Solo – musical offering

The Sacrament of The Lord’s Supper – Teaching Elders Bruce Ballantine and Alex Barnes

Invitation

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

*Hymn 526

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*Charge and Blessing

*Postlude

* Please stand if you are able.

+ Book of Common Worship

++ Philip Bender, Mennonite Church Canada

+++ Teresa Lockhart Stricklen, Associate for Worship, PC(USA)

Introduction

Whether we are called as and called Teaching Elders or called as and called Ruling Elders, we came into the ministry for many reasons and from many different places, but even though we come from many different places and gather here as colleagues in ministry for many different reasons, I'm sure that there *are* reasons we hold in common. There is a common pull we've all felt—something which is comforting and easy to identify with—a true desire to love and a desire to serve God by doing what is *good*.

Part 1: The Urgent Call to Follow

This seems to be present in all of us gathered here, and it is a quality we share in common with the majority of this world—but there is also a few things that are different and unique about this feeling to serve—And one of these things comes from a command that is quite clear and present in our scripture—the *urgent* command to follow when called. As we enter this season of Lent, I want us now to remember what it was like, to drop whatever we may have been doing at that *one moment* to follow in his footsteps, and I want us to think about that story where we are asked not to hesitate:

Then he and his disciples went to another village.

As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go."

Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head."

He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father."

Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God."

Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family."

Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."

— Luke 9:56–62

And now we think about these times of weariness, and waiting for the harvest ...

[At this moment, I hope to have a witness from one of a time when we first felt the truth behind that command—to drop everything else and follow]

Part 2: Hard Work & Harvest

So we have all, in one way or another answered this call—and continues to feel driven towards new missions and ministries. At the same time, it is unavoidable that there are times when we miss this initial feeling of exhilaration in ministry, and begin to feel weary ... but we must look towards the Harvest we reap. As Paul wrote to the church in Galatia, he reminds them:

Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

— Gal 6:9–10

And now we think about these times of weariness, and waiting for the harvest ...

[At this moment, I hope to have a witness from one of a time when they felt weary ... but also tell of the divine and nourishing harvest that came from such work ...]

Part 3: Lost Love

But still, even in those times when we don't feel weary ... there is *one* other thing which endangers us in our ministerial journey, and that is articulated in the book of Revelations, a prophecy against the church of Ephesus. John of Patmos writes,

"I know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you—that you have abandoned the love you had at first." [Rev 2:3]

[At this moment, I hope to have a witness from one of a time when we felt that we had abandoned a certain love when we first set out in mission ...]

Conclusion

We are blessed to have the opportunity to serve God in a manner where we are surrounded by support, together in this group. Even though Christ reminds us that all who take up the plow shouldn't look back behind them, we must always remember the good work that has been done so we may continue to encourage and love one another in the spirit ...

Appendix 2: 2013 Necrology Report

As reported by the churches listed, not exhaustive of the presbytery, below are the names of those who joined the Community of Saints in 2013. We pray for them to abide in the love of God.

First Name	Last Name	Church
Barbara	Amon	Hanoverton
June	Bash	Norwich
Ronald K.	Bennington	Christ Canton
William	Buchwalter	Wayne
Madeline	Camp	Norwich
Catherine	Dieringer	John Knox
Lucille	Folkert	Cambridge First
Elizabeth "Betty"	Fox	Ashland First
William	Francis	Minerva First
Harry S.	Franks	Hopewell
Homer	Fulton	John Knox
Cynthia	Gooch	Wooster Westminster
James	Goudy	Cambridge Unity
Nick. C.	Halkides	Christ Canton
Albert	Hall	McConnelsville First
Peg	Heakin	Dennison First
Ray	Hoffman	Reedurban
Richard	Hothem	Bakersville
Ann	Illuv	Dennison First
Phyllis	Kent	Reedurban
Robyn	Kimble	Trinity Zanesville
Francis	Kuntz	Sharon
Norma	Lind	John Knox
Henry	Loess	Wooster Westminster
Margery	Long	Orrville First
Robert	McClure	Bakersville
Wayne	Mehaffey	Cambridge First
Katharine	Morisey	Cambridge Unity
Clair	Murphy	Caldwell First
Edward	Myers	Orrville First
Harold	Newcomer	Perrysville First
Della	Ramseyer	Millersburg First
Jeanetta	Sheneman	Fresno United
Allan C.	Sterling Jr.	Christ Canton
Floyd G.	Stive	New Phila First
Harris (Jake)	Tarbet Jr.	Minerva First

Dr. Herbert	Thomson	North Salem
Carl Bray	Toot	New Phila First
Connie	Townsend	Reedurban
Clarence	Tyson	Norwich
Alvin	van Wie	Wooster Westminster
Fern	White	Coshocton
Rodney	Williams	Wooster Westminster
C. Paul	Willis	Trinity Zanesville
Don	Wolfe	John Knox
Elaine	Wolfe	John Knox
Frances Sigler	Zetty	Warsaw First



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Stated Meeting of the Muskingum Valley Presbytery

February 25, 2014—10:00 am – 3:00 pm

First Presbyterian Church, 621 College Avenue, Wooster, Ohio

9:30 am Registration

The Presbytery Gathers with Worship and Prayer

10:00 am Call to Order with Prayer

Pastor Tim Pollock,
Moderator
Mission Commission

Worship

The Presbytery Celebrates Our Shared Life

11:15 am The Beloved Community: How will we organize?
Review of Transitional Bylaws and Vote

Pastor Tim Pollock,
Moderator

Retirement of Transitional Stated Clerk

12:30 pm Celebration Lunch to thank Paula Lane

The Presbytery at Work and Service

1:15 pm Omnibus Motion and Stated Clerk's Report
Action Items

Elder Paula Lane with
Pastor Tim Pollock

Parish Elders

Pastor Chris Stewart

- Testimony: God is at Work
- Recommendation for the formation of an Administrative Commission
- Request of Mr. Hauser for reinstatement
- Prayers

Discipleship and Discernment

Pastor Bob Meyer

- Election of Vice Moderator
- Election of Commissions
- Update and an Invitation to Serve

Stated Clerk Transition: Process for Moving Forward

Pastor Dave deVries

The Presbytery Departs to Love and Serve the Lord

Testimony and Invitation

- The Journey: Discoveries II and III
- MVP Retreat
- Commissioned Lay Pastor Transformation Cohort, Fall 2014

Pastor Mike Parker
Donna Robertson
Pastor Rick Hastings

- “Believing Out Loud: Finding Your Preaching Voice”
Lay Preaching training seminar, March 15, 2014

Pastor Rick Hastings

Blessing and Charge

Depart with joy to love and serve the Lord!

Muskingum Valley Presbytery

Transitional Bylaws

PREAMBLE

The mission of God in Christ gives shape and substance to the life and work of the Church. In Christ, the Church participates in God's mission for the transformation of creation and humanity by proclaiming to all people the good news of God's love, offering to all people the grace of God at baptismal font and communion table, and calling all people to discipleship in Christ. Human beings have no higher goal in life than to glorify and enjoy God now and forever, living in covenant fellowship with God and participating in God's mission (F-1.01, Book of Order, PCUSA).

God has put all things under the Lordship of Jesus Christ and has made Christ head of the Church, which is his body. The Church's life and mission are a joyful participation in Christ's ongoing life and work (F-1.0201). Christ calls the Church into being, giving it all that is necessary for its mission in the world, for its sanctification, and for its service to God. Christ is present with the Church in both Spirit and Word. Christ alone rules, calls, teaches, and uses the Church as he wills (F1.0202). In our own time, we affirm that, in the power of the Spirit, the Church is faithful to the mission of Christ as it:

- Proclaims and hears the Word of God;
- Administers and receives the Sacraments; and
- Nurtures a covenant community of disciples of Christ (F-1.0303).

The Presbyterian form of government is grounded in Scripture. The *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* provides that this church is governed by presbyters, that is, ruling elders and teaching elders. The Church's ministry is a gift from Jesus Christ to the whole Church. Christ uses the Church as he wills, exercising his authority to the ministry of women and men for the establishment and extension of God's new creation. Christ's ministry is the foundation and standard for all ministry, the pattern of the one who came "not to be served, but to serve" (Matthew 20:28). The basic form of ministry is the ministry of the whole people of God, from whose midst some are called to ordered ministries to fulfill particular functions. Members and those in ordered ministries serve together under the mandate of Christ (G-2.0101).

Teaching and Ruling Elders come together in councils: sessions, presbyteries, synods, and the General Assembly. Each of these councils is governed by the *Bible* and by the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)* that is comprised of the *Book of Confessions* and the *Book of Order*.

CHAPTER 1 THE PRESBYTERY

Section 1 The *Bylaws* set forth herein are the provisions for the governance and operation of the Council called *Muskingum Valley Presbytery* (hereafter "Presbytery"), a

member presbytery of the *Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*, a Reformed denomination.

Section 2 The Presbytery is a non-profit corporation that is organized and existing under the laws of the State of Ohio and exercises ecclesiastical jurisdiction over the PCUSA congregations in Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana, Coshocton, Harrison, Holmes, Guernsey, Southern Medina, Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Richland, Stark, Tuscarawas, Washington, and Wayne counties.

Section 3 The Presbytery is an organization formed exclusively for religious purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the United States Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (as amended) and shall be operated exclusively for the religious purposes set forth in the *Presbytery's Articles of Incorporation*.

Section 4 These *Bylaws* shall at all times be subject to the provisions of the *Bible* and the *Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*. Applicable provisions in the *Constitution* shall take priority over any provision in these *Bylaws*. These *Bylaws* are also subject to the *Ohio Revised Code* and the *Articles of Incorporation* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) on file with the Secretary of State.

CHAPTER II MEMBERSHIP

Section 1 Membership in the Presbytery shall be determined consistent with the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) per G-3.0306.

Section 2 The Stated Clerk of the Presbytery shall maintain a membership roll that accurately reflects active and honorably retired teaching elders and member congregations.

CHAPTER III MEETINGS

Section 1 The Presbytery shall hold at least four Stated Meetings each year, one of which will include the Annual Meeting of the Presbytery as corporation in conformity with the requirements of the State of Ohio. The Council shall determine the time and place of each Presbytery meeting. For each stated and special called meeting, advance notice of at least ten business days shall be given, including the posting of the proposed docket and such material as is available.

Section 2 The Presbytery shall hold special called meetings as may be necessary to conduct urgent business, such as the timely examination of candidates for ordination. Such special meetings shall be called by the Council on its own motion or upon receipt of written request of twelve (12) members of the Presbytery. The call shall

state clearly the purpose of the meeting and only matters so specified shall be considered.

Section 3 The Presbytery may provide for other gatherings for the purpose of advancing the mission and ministries of its churches.

Section 4 A quorum of at least six (6) teaching elders and (6) ruling elder commissioners from different congregations shall be required to be present for a stated or called meeting to proceed.

Section 5 Under special circumstances, upon adoption of special rules determined by the Council and voted upon by the presbytery, commissioners may participate virtually as long as all persons are able to hear each other in real time. Such participation shall qualify for purposes of establishing the quorum for the meeting.

Section 6 Each Commissioner shall have one vote on matters requiring approval by the Presbytery membership at a stated or special called meeting. Without limitation, the following actions require approval of the Presbytery:

- a. Election of the Presbytery Moderator, Moderator-Elect, Treasurer, and Stated Clerk;
- b. Call and annual approval of the terms of call of the General Presbyter;
- c. Dismissal of a congregation to another Reformed body; and
- d. Amendment of the *Bylaws* or *Articles of Incorporation* of the Presbytery.

Chapter IV Officers

Section 1 Officers of the Presbytery elected by the Presbytery shall be the Moderator, Moderator-Elect, the Stated Clerk, and the Treasurer who shall serve as the Trustees of the Corporation.

Section 2 Each of these officers shall fulfill such duties prescribed for that office in the Book of Order (For the Moderator, Moderator-Elect, and Stated Clerk, G-3.0104; for the Treasurer, G-3.0205 as relates to the finances of Presbytery). They shall be bound by all appropriate and applicable legal, ethical, and fiduciary responsibilities. Said designated Trustees shall also be bounded as corporate officers.

Section 3 The officers elected by Presbytery shall have the following terms:

- a. The Moderator and Moderator-Elect shall each serve terms of one year or until a successor is installed.
- b. The Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall each serve a term of three years and are eligible for re-election to additional terms of service.

Section 4 The officers of the Presbytery shall be elected in the following manner:

- a. The Moderator and Moderator-Elect in the year preceding his or her term.
- b. The Stated Clerk and Treasurer shall ordinarily be elected at the final stated meeting of the calendar year in the third year of the officer's term, and his or her term shall begin on January 1 of the following year.

Section 5 Any officer may resign at any time by giving written notice to the moderator of the Council. An officer's resignation shall take effect upon receipt by the Presbytery unless the notice specifies a later effective date. Unless otherwise specified therein, the acceptance of such resignation shall not be necessary to make it effective. An officer shall be deemed to have resigned in the event of such officer's incapacity as determined by a court of competent jurisdiction. An ecclesiastical officer may be removed at any time by action of the Presbytery, subject to any action required by the Presbytery under the *Constitution*.

Chapter V Organization of the Presbytery

Section 1 The Presbytery, through the Council, is responsible for the government of the church throughout its district, and for assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all congregations become communities of faith, hope, love and witness (G-3.0301).

Section 2 The Council of Presbytery exists to help congregations and the church as a whole to be more faithful participants in the mission of Christ (G-3.01). Membership of the Council shall include (from different congregations) a Moderator, four Teaching Elders and four Ruling Elders as elected by the Presbytery.

Section 3 Committees and commissions may be formed as deemed necessary and helpful for the accomplishment of the mission of the church. In appointing such committees and commissions, councils shall be mindful of the principles of unity in diversity consistent with provisions of the Constitution (G-.0109; F-1.0403, G-3.0109).

Section 4 A council may designate two types of commissions: judicial (D-5.000) and administrative (G-3.0109b).

Section 5 The Discernment Ministry team shall provide a process for nominating persons to serve in positions requiring election. The process shall ensure that nominations are broadly representative of the constituency of the Presbytery, and in conformity with the church's commitment to unity in diversity (G-3.011; F-1.0403).

Section 6 The Council, as necessary, may act on behalf of the Presbytery between stated meetings and shall report such actions at next stated meeting.

Chapter VI Financial

Section 1 The corporation shall indemnify each council member, officer, employee and volunteer of the corporation while they are serving in that capacity and, after they no longer serve in that capacity, to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of the State of Ohio. The Corporation may, in its discretion, purchase insurance insuring its obligations hereunder or otherwise protecting the persons intended to be protected by this section. The corporation shall pay for or reimburse reasonable expenses incurred by any person identified above who is a party to any proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding to the extent permitted under the laws of the State of Ohio.

Chapter VII Conflict of Interest

Section 1 Whenever an officer or member of staff has a financial or personal interest in any matter coming before the Council or the Presbytery, the affected person shall a) fully disclose the nature of the interest, and b) withdraw from discussion, lobbying, and voting on the matter. Any vote involving a potential conflict of interest shall be approved only when a majority of disinterested members or commissioners determines that it is in the best interest of the Council or the Presbytery to do so. The minutes of meetings at which such votes are taken shall record such disclosure, abstention and rationale for approval.

Chapter VIII Amendment/Suspension of Bylaws

Section 1 All proposed amendments to the *Bylaws* of the Presbytery shall be presented in writing to the Presbytery no fewer than ten days in advance of the meeting at which the vote will be taken. A two-thirds majority of the members present at the meeting shall be required to approve the proposed amendment(s).

Section 2 These bylaws may be temporarily suspended in whole or in part upon proper motion specifying which portion(s) are to be suspended and the length of such suspension. Such motion requires approval by a two third majority of those present and voting.

The Presbytery Gathers for Fellowship, Worship and Business
ACTION ITEMS AND OMNIBUS MOTIONS
February 25, 2014

Council

Committee on Ministry/Parish Elders

1. Concur with the recommendation of the Review Team not to reinstate Mr. Robert Hauser.
2. Concur with the request to form an Administrative Commission – detailed in Appendix 1

Discipleship & Discernment

1. Election of Vice Moderator
2. Election of Serving in Mission Commission
 - a. David Smith (T/E Marietta) for a 2-year term
 - b. Alex Barnes (T/E Milton) for a 1-year term
 - c. Rick Hastings (CRE Barlow/Pioneer) for a 3-year term
 - d. Alice Phillips (T/E Creston) for a 2-year term
 - e. Lynn Bozich Shetzer (T/E Unity) for a 3-year term
 - f. Matt Skolnik (T/E Member-at-Large) for a 1-year term
3. Election of Equipping Commission
 - a. Burnetta Armour (T/E Clark & Millersburg) for a 1-year term
 - b. Marc van Bulck (T/E Seville) for a 3-year term
 - c. Donna Robertson (R/E Milton) for a 3-year term
 - d. Jim Arganbright (R/E Coshocton) for a 2-year term
 - e. Jim McCurdy (T/E Alliance) for a 2-year term
4. Election of T/E Virginia Birks and T/E John Lane to PJC, Class of 2018

Omnibus

1. To approve the request of Reford Nash to be transferred to Eastminster Presbytery
2. That Mary Jane Knapp, HR, be approved for laboring outside the bounds of MVP with First Presbyterian Church, Wellsburg, WV, in Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery
3. That Donna Roberston be granted permission for communion to be served during 2014 Retreat Ministry & Mission Group events.
4. Confirm appointment of Joan Brode as Treasurer for an initial term of 3 years.

For Information, from the Stated Clerk:

1. Denominational Reports for 2013: as of today, approximately 40% of our congregations have submitted their 2013 statistical reports; the presbytery's 2013 statistical reports and other annual reports will be completed and submitted by month's end.
2. Nahida Gordon has been appointed Overture Advocate on our concurrence on the Overture from San Francisco Presbytery on safeguarding the human rights of Palestinians.
3. GA 221: MVP's elder commissioners have been registered, and will receive Commissioner Training.
4. The minutes from the January 27, 2014 Council meeting were approved and accepted into record.

For Information, Previously Elected Calling Commission

- a. Jon Carlisle (T/E Coshocton) for a 3-year term
- b. Will Mullins (T/E Muskingum University) for a 2-year term
- c. Mike Parker (T/E Ashland) for a 1-year term
- d. Cathy Piekarski (R/E Marietta) for a 1-year term
- e. Ron Walker (R/E Mansfield) for a 3-year term

Recommendation of New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church Response Team:

MOTION: That the following be elected:

- Ruling Elder Sheila Ellenberger of Unity Presbyterian Church of Cambridge,
- Ruling Elder Dave Rogers of First Presbyterian Church of Marietta,
- Ruling Elder Joan Brode of the Presbyterian Church of Coshocton,
- Ruling Elder Susan Worley of First Presbyterian Church of New Philadelphia, and
- Teaching Elder Rev. Jacquelyn Pinkowski of First Presbyterian Church of New Philadelphia and
- Teaching Elder Rev. Bruce Ballantine of First Presbyterian Church of Wooster

as an Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of New Philadelphia, Ohio (at the request of the Session), with the following authority and duties in accordance with Book of Order G-3.0109b and G-3.0303e:

1. to review the records of the congregation in accordance with the Book of Order G-3.0204 and G-3.2025
2. to visit with the session and members of the congregation, including the calling of meetings of the session and/or the congregation, as necessary,
3. to assist the session in dealing with conflict within the congregation,
4. to assist the session in the review, development and implementation of financial policies and procedures,
5. to assist the session in the review, development and implementation of personnel policies and procedures,
6. to inquire into and settle the difficulties within the congregation, and
7. to do such things and take such actions, for, in the name of, and on behalf of the presbytery as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution.

Appendix 7: 2013 Year-End Financial Report of Muskingum Valley Presbytery

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MUSKINGUM VALLEY PRESBYTERY Analysis of Revenues & Expenses 2013 January to December 2013

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Accounts	MTD Actual 2013	YTD Actual 2013	Annual Budget 2013	YTD Actual 2012
Revenues				
Mission				
40000 - Mission MVP	\$3,104.93	\$60,144.00	\$70,000.00	\$65,402.99
40500 - Presbyterian Women	\$0.00	\$220.00	\$1,500.00	\$960.45
40550 - Synod/Campus Ministry	\$0.00	\$3,209.33	\$3,000.00	\$3,130.59
Total Mission	<u>\$3,104.93</u>	<u>\$63,573.33</u>	<u>\$74,500.00</u>	<u>\$69,494.03</u>
Income Streams				
41000 - Per Capita Current Year	\$13,185.09	\$127,898.87	\$176,000.00	\$143,020.98
41100 - Interest	\$43.28	\$474.02	\$500.00	\$496.96
41150 - Leadership Pledges	\$1,909.00	\$14,860.80	\$25,000.00	\$23,891.04
41155 - Consultations/Training	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$2,000.00	\$750.00
41156 - Honorarium	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
41160 - Events	\$0.00	\$910.00	\$2,000.00	\$5,300.00
41165 - Cohorts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,600.00
41170 - Assessments	\$0.00	\$805.98	\$3,000.00	\$2,857.30
41200 - Rent	\$200.00	\$3,000.00	\$8,600.00	\$8,600.00
41250 - Fair Trade	\$0.00	\$103.95	\$500.00	\$121.00
41275 - Book Store	\$0.00	\$81.00	\$500.00	\$456.61
Total Income Streams	<u>\$15,337.37</u>	<u>\$149,134.62</u>	<u>\$221,100.00</u>	<u>\$189,093.89</u>
General Assembly				
42000 - GA Unified Mission	\$2,953.25	\$34,898.95	\$0.00	\$25,348.63
42100 - One Great Hour of Sharing 1999999	\$94.00	\$29,340.30	\$0.00	\$31,463.74
42125 - Christmas Joy 3999999	\$8,022.20	\$17,548.50	\$0.00	\$13,904.16
42150 - Peacemaking 2/3 6200000	\$3,885.29	\$8,927.46	\$0.00	\$6,677.53
42175 - Pentecost 90000	\$1,446.81	\$6,055.27	\$0.00	\$3,664.12
42180 - Disaster Relief	\$0.00	\$240.00	\$0.00	\$1,140.00
42200 - Undesignated Disaster	\$990.00	\$2,390.00	\$0.00	\$2,674.00
42201 - CWS Blanket Fund	\$0.00	\$355.00	\$0.00	\$620.00
42299 - Theological Ed 1%	\$184.31	\$2,015.55	\$0.00	\$2,816.63
42340 - Student Scholar McGilvary 862414	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
42360 - Medical Benevolence 20862700	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
42380 - Other Designated GA Mission	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$60.00
42390 - Misc. GA Mission	\$451.00	\$2,452.00	\$0.00	\$2,197.00
42500 - Per Capita GA	\$4,468.12	\$40,907.82	\$0.00	\$39,955.05
Total General Assembly	<u>\$22,494.98</u>	<u>\$146,080.85</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$130,770.86</u>
Synod				
42600 - Synod Unified Mission	\$599.88	\$8,115.19	\$0.00	\$4,668.05
42700 - Per Capita Synod	\$2,113.62	\$19,614.02	\$0.00	\$20,563.38
Total Synod	<u>\$2,713.50</u>	<u>\$27,729.21</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$25,231.43</u>
Total Revenues	<u><u>\$43,650.78</u></u>	<u><u>\$386,518.01</u></u>	<u><u>\$295,600.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$414,590.21</u></u>

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Expenses				
Office				
50100 - Utilities Gas/Electric	\$381.05	\$5,401.10	\$4,000.00	\$3,338.56
50110 - Water/Sewer	\$80.38	\$843.99	\$500.00	\$480.30
50150 - Equipment Maint and Repair	\$0.00	\$936.20	\$1,500.00	(\$309.38)
50175 - Software Support	\$296.40	\$4,855.53	\$5,000.00	\$5,603.65
50200 - Copier	\$0.00	\$3,544.32	\$4,200.00	(\$171.41)
50250 - Supplies	\$63.06	\$2,604.20	\$3,500.00	\$2,425.60
50300 - Postage	\$253.05	\$1,700.50	\$2,000.00	\$1,921.40
50350 - Telephone/Web	\$562.28	\$6,912.63	\$9,000.00	\$6,376.39
50400 - Audit	\$0.00	\$65.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,368.00
50450 - Capital Replace/Computer	\$217.50	\$742.50	\$2,500.00	\$3,223.03
50500 - Office Contingency	\$0.00	\$1,210.61	\$1,500.00	\$1,169.72
50550 - Office/Grounds Maint and Repair	\$241.95	\$3,502.07	\$4,000.00	\$3,369.87
50650 - Staff Expenses	\$0.00	\$10.20	\$300.00	\$86.33
50750 - Insurance/Property & Liability	\$0.00	\$3,429.00	\$3,500.00	\$2,819.00
50800 - Property Tax	\$0.00	\$3,179.24	\$3,300.00	\$3,182.84
Total Office	\$2,095.67	\$38,937.09	\$54,800.00	\$35,883.90
Council				
51000 - Coordinating Council	\$750.08	\$12,558.08	\$10,000.00	\$13,632.50
51015 - Administration	\$0.00	\$30.85	\$500.00	\$100.00
51020 - Event Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$14.98
51050 - Training	\$50.94	\$3,765.45	\$5,000.00	\$4,377.76
Total Council	\$801.02	\$16,354.38	\$15,500.00	\$18,125.24
Ministry				
52500 - COM Committee Expense	\$41.76	\$1,883.56	\$5,000.00	\$3,856.78
52550 - Cohort Expense	\$0.00	\$62.74	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.75
52560 - Assessments	\$0.00	\$231.87	\$500.00	\$8,161.89
52580 - Pastor to Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$478.51
52585 - Background Checks	\$0.00	\$573.10	\$250.00	\$442.94
52590 - Consutation Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$250.00
52595 - Training & Development	\$0.00	\$80.71	\$2,000.00	\$2,345.90
Total Ministry	\$41.76	\$2,831.98	\$10,100.00	\$17,036.77
Nominating				
53000 - Nominating Comm Expense	\$0.00	\$9.26	\$250.00	\$60.38
Total Nominating	\$0.00	\$9.26	\$250.00	\$60.38
Mission				
Resource Center				
52030 - M/Resource Center Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$150.64
Total Resource Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$150.64
Youth Ministry				
52060 - M/Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$166.44	\$250.00	\$0.00

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Total Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$166.44	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Mission	\$0.00	\$166.44	\$500.00	\$150.64
Preparation for Ministry				
54000 - Preparation Comm Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$37.18
54010 - M/Annual Consultation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
54020 - Background Checks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$132.82
54030 - M/Counseling	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
54050 - Psychological Assessments	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Total Preparation for Ministry	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$1,300.00	\$170.00
Parliamentary				
55600 - PJC Committee Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$11.48
55601 - Administrative Commission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$41.88
55602 - Investigative Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Parliamentary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$53.36
Personnel				
General Presbyter				
56000 - M/GP Salary	\$1,283.26	\$15,399.12	\$15,399.00	\$19,899.12
56010 - M/GP Housing	\$3,466.66	\$41,599.92	\$41,600.00	\$41,599.92
56020 - M/GP SECA	\$409.14	\$4,911.00	\$4,911.00	\$4,911.00
56025 - GP Professional Expense	\$251.08	\$2,430.65	\$1,500.00	\$2,057.32
56030 - GP Pension/Medical/D&D	\$1,836.64	\$22,039.68	\$26,931.00	\$21,471.84
56040 - GP Medical Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$275.85
56050 - GP Continuing Education	\$914.33	\$9,200.00	\$9,200.00	\$6,308.41
56060 - GP Travel	\$2,627.92	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$6,415.15
Total General Presbyter	\$10,789.03	\$104,580.37	\$108,541.00	\$102,938.61
Stated Clerk				
56200 - SC Stipend	\$627.96	\$7,535.52	\$7,000.00	\$6,590.36
56225 - SC Professional Expense	\$0.00	\$86.15	\$500.00	\$210.55
56250 - SC Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
56260 - SC Travel/GA Expense	\$187.23	\$638.15	\$2,500.00	\$2,027.36
Total Stated Clerk	\$815.19	\$8,659.82	\$10,750.00	\$8,828.27
Financial Admin				
56300 - FA Salary	\$1,032.00	\$12,372.00	\$12,480.00	\$12,552.00
56320 - FA FICA	\$78.94	\$946.39	\$954.00	\$960.14
56330 - FA Pension/Medical/D&D	\$840.29	\$10,082.16	\$8,535.00	\$9,323.76
56340 - FA Medical Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00
Total Financial Admin	\$1,951.23	\$23,900.55	\$22,469.00	\$23,335.90
Admin Assist				
56400 - AA Salary	\$2,120.00	\$26,500.00	\$25,440.00	\$25,440.00
56420 - AA FICA	\$162.18	\$2,027.25	\$2,025.00	\$1,946.16
56430 - AA Pension/Medical/D&D	\$974.40	\$11,273.71	\$11,452.80	\$10,676.16
56440 - AA Medical Reimbursement	\$33.89	\$1,254.17	\$2,000.00	\$1,343.64

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Total Admin Assist	\$3,290.47	\$41,055.13	\$40,917.80	\$39,405.96
Sub Contractors				
56700 - Custodian	\$171.00	\$1,917.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,872.00
Total Sub Contractors	\$171.00	\$1,917.00	\$2,500.00	\$1,872.00
Other Personnel				
56650 - Non-Exempt Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$215.00
56660 - Non-Exempt Travel	\$0.00	\$297.66	\$1,000.00	\$1,086.06
56800 - Temporary Help	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
56850 - Workers Compensation	\$0.00	\$483.83	\$200.00	\$172.54
56875 - Presbytery Car (for GP)-CRV	\$322.58	\$2,456.85	\$2,000.00	\$3,126.03
56876 - Presbytery Car-Mazda	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$84.41
Total Other Personnel	\$322.58	\$3,238.34	\$4,700.00	\$5,184.04
Total Personnel	\$17,339.50	\$183,351.21	\$189,877.80	\$181,564.78
General Assembly				
57000 - GA Unified Mission	(\$10,079.56)	\$13,903.11	\$0.00	\$6,189.23
57010 - One Great Hour of Sharing 1999999	(\$4,035.50)	\$25,166.30	\$0.00	\$22,694.59
57015 - Christmas Joy 3999999	(\$127.00)	\$21,302.50	\$0.00	\$840.00
57020 - Peacemaking 2/3 6200000	\$0.00	\$6,460.30	\$0.00	\$0.00
57025 - Pentecost 90000	(\$3,729.08)	\$221.11	\$0.00	\$657.69
57030 - Disaster Relief	(\$700.00)	\$100.00	\$0.00	(\$340.00)
57040 - Undesignated Disaster	\$0.00	\$2,418.55	\$0.00	\$714.00
57045 - CWS Blanket Fund	\$0.00	\$1,195.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
57050 - Misc. Designated Disaster	\$0.00	\$1,625.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
57150 - Theology Ed. 1%	(\$161.10)	\$2,544.59	\$0.00	\$533.00
57200 - Student Scholar McGilvary 862414	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
57210 - Medical Benevolence-20862700	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
57230 - Other Designated GA Mission	(\$125.00)	\$125.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
57240 - Misc. GA Mission	(\$1,275.00)	\$6,790.92	\$0.00	\$625.00
57300 - Per Capita GA	\$0.00	\$17,271.46	\$0.00	\$3,203.29
Total General Assembly	(\$20,232.24)	\$99,823.84	\$0.00	\$35,116.80
Synod				
57400 - Synod Unified Mission	\$0.00	\$7,333.70	\$0.00	\$1,506.05
57500 - Per Capita Synod	\$0.00	\$21,122.33	\$0.00	\$12,327.20
Total Synod	\$0.00	\$28,456.03	\$0.00	\$13,833.25
Inactive Accounts				
56530 - zzzAGP Pension	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$703.62)
Total Inactive Accounts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$703.62)
Total Expenses	\$45.71	\$370,130.23	\$273,177.80	\$301,291.50
Net Total	\$43,605.07	\$16,387.78	\$22,422.20	\$113,298.71

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Other Revenues				
60001 - Investment Income	\$6,310.74	\$6,851.33	\$0.00	\$12,588.32
60002 - Unrealized Gain/(Loss)	\$30,202.02	\$100,927.68	\$0.00	\$49,536.15
Total Other Revenues	<u>\$36,512.76</u>	<u>\$107,779.01</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$62,124.47</u>
Net Operating Total	\$80,117.83	\$124,166.79	\$22,422.20	\$175,423.18

Appendix 8: 2014 Year-to-Date Financial Report of Muskingum Valley Presbytery

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Accounts	MTD Actual 2014	YTD Actual 2014	Annual Budget 2014	YTD Actual 2013
Revenues				
Mission				
40000 - Mission MVP	\$376.64	\$376.64	\$65,000.00	\$995.56
40500 - Presbyterian Women	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
40550 - Synod/Campus Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$802.33
Total Mission	<u>\$376.64</u>	<u>\$376.64</u>	<u>\$69,000.00</u>	<u>\$1,797.89</u>
Income Streams				
41000 - Per Capita Current Year	\$2,460.25	\$2,460.25	\$165,000.00	\$10,356.37
41100 - Interest	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$37.21
41150 - Leadership Pledges	\$409.00	\$409.00	\$20,000.00	\$934.00
41155 - Consultations/Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
41156 - Honorarium	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
41160 - Events	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
41165 - Cohorts	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00
41170 - Assessments	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
41200 - Rent	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$12,000.00	\$700.00
41250 - Fair Trade	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$36.00
41275 - Book Store	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Total Income Streams	<u>\$2,869.25</u>	<u>\$2,869.25</u>	<u>\$209,750.00</u>	<u>\$12,063.58</u>
General Assembly				
42000 - GA Unified Mission	\$231.33	\$231.33	\$0.00	\$518.71
42125 - Christmas Joy 3999999	\$2,730.85	\$2,730.85	\$0.00	\$2,403.50
42150 - Peacemaking 2/3 6200000	\$397.00	\$397.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
42500 - Per Capita GA	\$472.09	\$472.09	\$0.00	\$3,410.15
Total General Assembly	<u>\$3,831.27</u>	<u>\$3,831.27</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$6,332.36</u>
Synod				
42600 - Synod Unified Mission	\$69.83	\$69.83	\$0.00	\$155.00
42700 - Per Capita Synod	\$218.55	\$218.55	\$0.00	\$1,613.24
Total Synod	<u>\$288.38</u>	<u>\$288.38</u>	<u>\$0.00</u>	<u>\$1,768.24</u>
Total Revenues	<u><u>\$7,365.54</u></u>	<u><u>\$7,365.54</u></u>	<u><u>\$278,750.00</u></u>	<u><u>\$21,962.07</u></u>

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Accounts	MTD Actual 2014	YTD Actual 2014	Annual Budget 2014	YTD Actual 2013
Expenses				
Office				
50100 - Utilities Gas/Electric	\$449.16	\$449.16	\$4,000.00	\$280.16
50110 - Water/Sewer	\$80.38	\$80.38	\$500.00	\$40.19
50150 - Equipment Maint and Repair	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
50175 - Software Support	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$290.40
50200 - Copier	\$2,013.21	\$2,013.21	\$4,200.00	\$3,544.32
50250 - Supplies	\$420.43	\$420.43	\$3,000.00	\$370.34
50300 - Postage	\$306.60	\$306.60	\$2,000.00	\$327.35
50350 - Telephone/Web	\$605.09	\$605.09	\$9,000.00	\$515.82
50400 - Audit	\$160.00	\$160.00	\$4,000.00	\$20.00
50450 - Capital Replace/Computer	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00
50500 - Office Contingency	\$19.25	\$19.25	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
50501 - Bank Fees	\$45.51	\$45.51	\$0.00	\$0.00
50550 - Office/Grounds Maint and Repair	\$308.08	\$308.08	\$8,000.00	\$315.68
50650 - Staff Expenses	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
50750 - Insurance/Property & Liability	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
50800 - Property Tax	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,300.00	\$0.00
Total Office	\$4,407.71	\$4,407.71	\$54,500.00	\$5,704.26
Council				
51000 - Coordinating Council	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$15,000.00	\$32.95
51015 - Administration	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
51050 - Training	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$21.25
Total Council	\$550.00	\$550.00	\$20,500.00	\$54.20
Ministry				
52500 - COM Committee Expense	\$55.66	\$55.66	\$5,000.00	\$39.87
52550 - Cohort Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
52560 - Assessments	\$112.00	\$112.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
52580 - Pastor to Pastor	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
52585 - Background Checks	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$50.50
52590 - Consutation Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$350.00	\$0.00
52595 - Training & Development	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Total Ministry	\$217.66	\$217.66	\$10,100.00	\$90.37
Nominating				
53000 - Nominating Comm Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Nominating	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Mission				
Resource Center				
52030 - M/Resource Center Resources	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Resource Center	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Youth Ministry				
52060 - M/Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00

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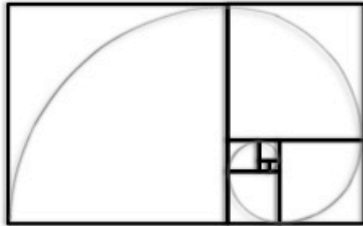
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Total Youth Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Mission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Preparation for Ministry				
54000 - Preparation Comm Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
54010 - M/Annual Consultation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
54020 - 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	\$0.00
Total Preparation for Ministry	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,800.00	\$0.00
Parliamentary				
55600 - PJC Committee Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
55601 - Administrative Commission	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
55602 - Investigative Committee	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00
Total Parliamentary	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$850.00	\$0.00
Personnel				
General Presbyter				
56000 - M/GP Salary	\$1,283.26	\$1,283.26	\$15,399.00	\$1,283.26
56010 - M/GP Housing	\$3,466.66	\$3,466.66	\$41,600.00	\$3,466.66
56020 - M/GP SECA	\$409.26	\$409.26	\$4,911.00	\$409.26
56025 - GP Professional Expense	\$167.65	\$167.65	\$1,500.00	\$28.12
56030 - GP Pension/Medical/D&D	\$1,944.14	\$1,944.14	\$23,329.68	\$1,836.64
56040 - GP Medical Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
56050 - GP Continuing Education	\$600.00	\$600.00	\$9,200.00	\$2,600.00
56060 - GP Travel	\$563.72	\$563.72	\$7,000.00	\$334.39
Total General Presbyter	\$8,434.69	\$8,434.69	\$104,939.68	\$9,958.33
Stated Clerk				
56200 - SC Stipend	\$627.96	\$627.96	\$7,000.00	\$627.96
56225 - SC Professional Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$86.15
56250 - SC Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$400.00
56260 - SC Travel/GA Expense	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00
Total Stated Clerk	\$627.96	\$627.96	\$9,600.00	\$1,114.11
Financial Admin				
56300 - FA Salary	\$1,260.00	\$1,260.00	\$14,880.00	\$1,032.00
56320 - FA FICA	\$96.39	\$96.39	\$954.00	\$78.94
56330 - FA Pension/Medical/D&D	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$840.17
56340 - FA Medical Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
Total Financial Admin	\$1,356.39	\$1,356.39	\$16,334.00	\$1,951.11
Admin Assist				
56400 - AA Salary	\$2,120.00	\$2,120.00	\$25,440.00	\$2,120.00
56420 - AA FICA	\$162.18	\$162.18	\$2,025.00	\$162.18
56430 - AA Pension/Medical/D&D	\$1,079.40	\$1,079.40	\$12,952.80	\$951.13

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56440 - AA Medical Reimbursement	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
Total Admin Assist	\$3,361.58	\$3,361.58	\$42,417.80	\$3,233.31
Sub Contractors				
56700 - Custodian	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$2,500.00	\$99.00
Total Sub Contractors	\$279.00	\$279.00	\$2,500.00	\$99.00
Other Personnel				
56650 - Non-Exempt Continuing Education	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00
56660 - Non-Exempt Travel	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
56850 - Workers Compensation	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$115.00
56875 - Presbytery Car (for GP)-CRV	\$62.85	\$62.85	\$3,000.00	\$168.76
Total Other Personnel	\$62.85	\$62.85	\$6,700.00	\$283.76
Total Personnel	\$14,122.47	\$14,122.47	\$182,491.48	\$16,639.62
General Assembly				
57000 - GA Unified Mission	\$20,159.12	\$20,159.12	\$0.00	\$0.00
57010 - One Great Hour of Sharing 1999999	\$8,071.00	\$8,071.00	\$0.00	\$5,361.93
57015 - Christmas Joy 3999999	\$254.00	\$254.00	\$0.00	\$148.00
57020 - Peacemaking 2/3 6200000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$97.34
57025 - Pentecost 90000	\$7,458.16	\$7,458.16	\$0.00	\$1,722.03
57030 - Disaster Relief	\$880.00	\$880.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
57040 - Undesignated Disaster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$485.00
57045 - CWS Blanket Fund	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$620.00
57050 - Misc. Designated Disaster	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,625.00
57150 - Theology Ed. 1%	\$322.20	\$322.20	\$0.00	\$831.81
57210 - Medical Benevolence-20862700	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$250.00
57230 - Other Designated GA Mission	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
57240 - Misc. GA Mission	\$2,550.00	\$2,550.00	\$0.00	\$7,440.92
Total General Assembly	\$39,944.48	\$39,944.48	\$0.00	\$18,582.03
Synod				
57400 - Synod Unified Mission	\$2,406.96	\$2,406.96	\$0.00	\$1,488.67
57500 - Per Capita Synod	\$3,003.26	\$3,003.26	\$0.00	\$1,782.02
Total Synod	\$5,410.22	\$5,410.22	\$0.00	\$3,270.69
Total Expenses	\$64,652.54	\$64,652.54	\$270,991.48	\$44,341.17
Net Total	(\$57,287.00)	(\$57,287.00)	\$7,758.52	(\$22,379.10)



“My Lord God,
I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the
road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where
it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact
that I think that I am following your will does not
mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that
the desire to please you does in fact please you.
And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing.
I hope that I will never do anything apart from that
desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me
by the right road though I may know nothing about
it. Therefore will I trust you always though I may
seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will
not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will
never leave me to face my perils alone.”

Thomas Merton, *Thoughts in Solitude*

THE JOURNEY:

Growing Up in Christ