

MINUTES OF STATED MEETING
Saturday, December 11, 2021, 9:00 AM – on the Zoom Platform

Call to Order, Welcome, and Worship –

The Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley convened in Stated Meeting at 9:00 AM on this date. The Moderator, RE Kandy Dunn, welcomed participants, reviewed presbytery's practices regarding questions, debate, and voting when meeting online, and called the meeting to order with prayer.

The meeting began with worship, led by TE John Edward Harris, TE David Stammerjohn, and Moderator Dunn. TE Stammerjohn preached the morning meditation from Haggai 2:1-9. The Moderator and TE Stammerjohn presided at Table, and the Lord's Supper was shared remotely by the 'gathered' members of the presbytery.

At the close of worship, Moderator Dunn assumed the lectern and invited introductions of elders attending a presbytery meeting for the first time. There were no responses. The Moderator then asked the body if there were requests for business other than what had been published and presented in the Proposed Docket. There were no responses.

Stated Clerk's Report –

1. The Clerk moved as a single matter of business:
 - a. that the roll be formed from all those presbyters and guests properly registered and in attendance on the virtual platform of this meeting; and
 - b. that the Proposed Docket be approved.

Those two items were approved on a single vote.

2. The Clerk reported the recommendation of an Administrative Commission that the congregation of Calvary United Presbyterian Church of Salineville, Ohio be dissolved. On vote, the recommendation was approved.
3. The Clerk reported the recommendation of an Administrative Commission that the presbytery dissolve its congregation known as First United Presbyterian Church of Bellaire, Ohio. On vote, the recommendation was approved.
4. The Clerk drew attention to the information item regarding Annual Review of Minutes and Registers, and noted aloud that since the Docket's publication there had been eight (8) other congregations whose Clerks of Session gathered with the Stated Clerk and conducted those reviews: Wellsville, Riverside; Wellsville, Covenant; Wellsville, Oak Ridge; East Liverpool, Longs Run Trinity; East Liverpool, Grace; Chester, Westminster; New Cumberland, First; and Salineville, Bethel.
5. The report of the Stated Clerk is included in the addenda to these minutes.

(end of Stated Clerk's Report)

Committee on Ministry Report –

1. Dissolution of Call, Stammerjohn and Martins Ferry, First: The COM recommended approval of the request of TE David Stammerjohn for dissolution of the pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Martins Ferry, OH, as he enters retirement. First Presbyterian Church, Martins Ferry, has concurred with this request, and has further requested UOVP confer upon TE Stammerjohn the status of Honorably Retired Teaching Elder. Upon proper vote, the presbytery unanimously approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship and approved the status of Honorably Retired be upon The Reverend Stammerjohn.
2. 2022 Minimum Terms of Call: The COM recommended presbytery establish the following Minimum Terms of Call for full-time pastorates in 2022, reporting that the Committee had been guided by a published Cost of Living Adjustment figure of 2.9%.

Salary	\$36,264
Manse	10,880
Housing	12,570
Social Security	3,736
Benefits Dues W/Housing Allowance	18,069
Benefits Dues W/Manse	17,440
Continuing Education & Books	1,200
Continuing Education	2 Wks., 2 Sundays
Vacation	4 Wks., 4 Sundays
Spiritual Retreat	1 Wk., 1 Sunday
Travel	IRS rate up to \$2,000

2022 Recommended Minimum Terms for Commissioned Pastors.

Maximum Time: 20 hours per week

Minimum Compensation: \$16.00 per hour

Mileage at IRS rate (\$.56 for 2022) up to \$2,000 per year

Housing Allowance: [May be negotiated]

Continuing Ed & Books: \$600 per year accumulative to \$1,800 for 3 years

Continuing Ed Time: One week, including one Sunday

Vacation: Four weeks, including four Sundays

Spiritual Retreat Time: One week, including one Sunday

Benefits: [May be negotiated]

2022 Recommended Minimum Terms of Compensation
for Full-Time Certified Christian Educators.

80% of the Minimum Terms of Call for FT Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

On proper vote, all of the above recommendations regarding compensation were approved.

Uncertainty remained regarding (1) 2022 pulpit supply compensation and (2) 2022 session moderator compensation. COM will finalize recommendations about those figures and report back to the presbytery at its January 27, 2022, Stated Meeting.

3. Desiring to clarify language and practice adopted by this presbytery in its Stated Meeting of June 23, 2015, the Committee brought for second reading and action its recommended revision to the Presbytery Manual's delegated authorities and responsibilities of COM. Language proposed to be omitted is shown in strikethrough, language proposed to be added is shown in boldface:

That the Committee on Ministry, ~~working on behalf of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery,~~ be delegated **commissioned with** the authority and responsibility to:

- a. Dismiss and receive members of presbytery, excluding candidates for ministry (with presbytery agendas including a paragraph of relevant data introducing **to the presbytery** each new pastor to the **member of** presbytery);
 - b. Appoint moderators of congregations sessions;
 - c. Approve ~~pastoral~~ contracts for Temporary Pastoral Relations for those previously ordained or commissioned;
 - d. Waive rotation of officers for congregations;
 - e. Approve terms of call (which always must be reported to the presbytery for its records);
 - f. ~~Approve the purchase or sale of a manse;~~
 - g. ~~Authorize lay ministry, training, preparation and placement, and train ruling elders in temporary pastoral relations with congregations;~~ **Authorize lay preachers and ministers outside the PC(USA) to be added to the pulpit supply list and provide training and preparation for commissioned ruling elders to serve in Temporary Pastoral Relations with congregations. All ruling elders being commissioned for the first time shall appear before the presbytery for its approval.**
 - h. ~~Deal with~~ **Implement interim measures** for pastoral and congregational emergencies between ~~presbyteries~~ **presbytery** meetings;
 - i. Assume original jurisdiction of a session as per G-3.0303e until an administrative commission can create an appropriate plan in response.

The Committee on Ministry further recommends that the power to approve the purchase or sale of a manse be granted to the Stewardship Committee. Approving such would cause the re-labeling of the current g-i to f-h.

On motion and vote, and after deliberation and discussion, this recommendation for changes to the UOV Presbytery Manual was approved by the presbytery.

4. Brilliant, First and Roberts – The Committee recommended approval of the Call of First Presbyterian Church of Brilliant to TE David Roberts. Terms of call have been reviewed by the Committee on Ministry and found to be suitable. RE Deb Gilchrist and RE Tom Connell were present and affirmed the vote of the congregation. On vote, the Committee’s recommendation was approved.
5. Rudiger Transfer – The Committee reported approving transfer of TE James Edward Rudiger to the Presbytery of Kiskiminetas on October 7, 2021. He will serve there in a pastoral relationship with Sligo Presbyterian Church.
6. The Committee reported authorizing selected Ruling Elders to preside at the Lord’s Table on the dates and places indicated per their COM report (addendum).
7. The Committee reported naming moderators of record for congregations as indicated per COM report (addendum).
8. COM reported approval of the following contracts, on file in the UOVP offices:
 - o RE Kandy Dunn, Long Term Pulpit Supply w/ Sherrard, Allen Grove
 - o Rev. Vaughn Foster (Amer. Baptist), TPR w/ Mingo Junction, First
 - o RE Dorothy Kovach, Long Term Pulpit Supply w/ Steubenville, Pleasant Hill
 - o Rev. Randall Krebs (Amer. Baptist), TPR w/ New Cumberland, First
 - o Rev. Dr. M. Susan Spencer-Smith (UMC, Retired), LTPS w/ Weirton, Cove
 - o Rev. J. Robt. Willits, TPR, Barnesville, First

(end of COM Report - Printed report included in addenda to these minutes.)

Nominating Committee Report –

On recommendation of the UOVP Nominating Committee, presented by Chairperson George Crawford, and by the affirmative vote of the presbytery the following persons were elected to their respective offices/committees for the terms indicated. The Moderator invited nominations to be made from the floor; there were none.

<u>Committee/Office</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Term</u>
Leadership Commission	RE Alcinda James	2024
Pastoral Care Team	TE Jane Schockey	2024
Comm on Ministry	RE Dee Kovach	2024
Comm on Ministry	TE Bill Webster	2024
Comm on Ministry	RE Bob Milner	2024
Comm on Ministry	RE Beth Hahn	2024
Comm on Ministry	RE Roy Gryskevich	2024

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UOVP Moderator	TE John Edward Harris	2023
Pastoral Care	TE Ruth Ellen Bates	2024
Preparation for Ministry	TE Darrin Jones	2024
Preparation for Ministry	TE Nancy DeStefano	2024
Preparation for Ministry	RE Richard Cunningham	2024
Stewardship	TE Mike O'Neil	2023
Stewardship	RE Joan Gardner	2024
Stewardship	RE John Hargleroad	2024
Treasurer	RE Connie Quinn	2022
Comm on Ministry Co-Chair	RE Dee Kovach	2022
Comm on Ministry Co-Chair	TE Bill Webster	2022
Prepn for Ministry Chairperson	RE Richard Cunningham	2024

(end of Nominating Committee Report)

Bills and Overtures Report –

Chairperson David Demarest, on behalf of Bills and Overtures Committee, brought again the following proposed amendment to the presbytery's by-laws for second reading and action. Language proposed for addition is shown underlined:

Article IV. Officers, C. Stated Clerk:

1. Duties of the Stated Clerk shall be those prescribed in G-3.0104, as well as those listed in the presbytery's manual of operations. The Stated Clerk shall also serve as the corporation secretary for the presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall also serve on the Leadership Commission. If the Stated Clerk is not a voting member of the presbytery, then the Clerk shall serve with voice but without vote in all meetings of the presbytery and its Round Table, committees, and commissions of which the Clerk is a member.

The Moderator asked for a voice vote and, after the voting, ruled that the proposed amendment had been approved by the required super-majority.

(end of Bills and Overtures Committee Report)

Moderator Dunn relinquished the chair to Vice Moderator Alan Jeffries at this point.

Stewardship Committee Report –

1. Stewardship Committee Chairperson James Cochran presented the proposed UOVP Budget for 2022 (see addenda) and addressed questions from the floor.
 - a. It was moved by TE Mike O'Neil, and seconded, to amend the Training and Development line item in the Proposed Budget from \$1000.00 to \$1500.00, its

previous year level. Following discussion and debate, the amendment to the Proposed Budget was approved. (The Budget presented with addenda to these Minutes reflects the result of the presbytery's action.)

- b. It was moved by TE John Edward Harris, and seconded, to amend the Personnel section in the Proposed Budget to reflect a three percent (3%) Cost of Living Adjustment for all presbytery-level personnel. Following discussion and debate, the presbytery approved the amendment to the Proposed Budget. (The Budget presented with addenda to these Minutes reflects the result of the presbytery's action.)

Stewardship Chairperson Cochran then moved presbytery approval of the Proposed Budget for 2022 as amended. The motion was approved.

2. RE Cochran deferred to TE Mike O'Neil for a report on the Matching Gift Program for 2021, designed to strengthen Per Capita Giving from our congregations. Approximately \$5,869.00 in new Per Capita Giving was received by the presbytery during the year, an amount that will be matched by a gift from First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling.

(end of Stewardship Committee Report)

Moderator Dunn resumed the Chair of this meeting.

Enrollment Report

The Enrollment Clerk reported thirty-eight (38) presbyters were present at this meeting, including: eleven (11) Ruling Elder Commissioners representing eleven (11) congregations; five (5) Commissioned Pastors; three (3) Lay Preachers; ten (10) Teaching Elder members; two (2) non PCUSA clergy members of presbytery; two (2) members by virtue of their presbytery committee chairs, three (3) Corresponding Members; three (3) with privilege of the floor by virtue of presbytery office, and two (2) guests. Thirty-three (33) congregations were represented. Attendance records are included in the addenda to these minutes.

Installation of Officers / Adjournment

Moderator Dunn asked for a motion to adjourn the Stated Meeting at the close of the Installation Service. Upon proper motion and second, the presbytery voted in the affirmative and proceeded to Installation of Officers. TE John Edward Harris was installed as UOVP Moderator for 2022-2023; CRE Connie Quinn was installed as Presbytery Treasurer for 2022.

The presbytery adjourned with prayer by the Moderator at 10:23 AM.

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Stated Clerk Report to the Presbytery – TE Craig Kephart

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

1. **Formation of the Roll** – Stated Clerk moves the formation of the roll to consist of all those ruling elders and teaching elders properly registered for this meeting and present on the online platform, along with all corresponding members and guests also properly registered.
2. **Adoption of the Docket** – Stated Clerk moves the adoption of the Proposed Docket for this meeting.
3. **Dissolutions** – Book of Order G-3.0301a, G-3.0303b, G-3.0303e, and G-4.02
 - A. The presbytery has received the report of its respective Administrative Commission, created at its Stated Meeting in March 2020, recommending that the Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley dissolve its congregation known as **Calvary United Presbyterian Church of Salineville, Ohio**. Property matters have been addressed and pertinent church records are in the possession of the presbytery, in preparation for transfer to the Presbyterian Historical Society. Ministries and regular worship have ceased, and membership has dwindled to only one living member, yet we celebrate the years and generations during which God accomplished wonderful ministry through the believers in this place.
 - B. The presbytery has received the report of its respective Administrative Commission, including the Commission's action of April 26, 2021 recommending that the Presbytery of Upper Ohio Valley dissolve its congregation known as **First United Presbyterian Church of Bellaire, Ohio** with recognition and thanks for their many years of service to our Lord and to the community. Property matters have been addressed and church records are in the possession of the presbytery, in preparation for transfer to the Presbyterian Historical Society. Furnishings have been donated to various charities, to the Belmont County Tourism Board, an organ to Hill Top Church, Toronto, and another organ, piano, and handicap ramp to the St. Clairsville American Legion. Members were invited to other area congregations to continue in Christian worship, fellowship, and service.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

4. **Appointment of the Enrollment Clerk.** Ruling Elder Jack Kibble (Cadiz) is appointed as Enrollment Clerk, pro tempore, for this meeting.

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5. **Stated Meetings 2022** – By its action at the September 2021 meeting of the presbytery, UOVP will conduct Stated Meetings next year on the following schedule:

Thursday	January 27, 2022	6:30 PM	Zoom platform
Saturday	April 30, 2022	9:00 AM	location TBD
Tuesday	July 26, 2022	6:30 PM	Laughlin Chapel
Wednesday	October 26, 2022	6:30 PM	location TBD

6. **Host congregations** are sought for the presbytery's meetings in April and October this coming year 2022. Please contact the Moderator or Stated Clerk if your congregation might wish more information on hosting a meeting of the presbytery.
7. **Session Minutes and Membership Roll Books Review** has been completed with and by Clerks of Session for the following congregations during 2021, and the opportunity for reviews will continue into early 2022. The presbytery sincerely appreciates efforts that Clerks of Sessions have put forth in maintaining accurate records and submitting to peer review, despite the pandemic's inconveniences and obstacles. Moreover, I have been personally pleased to meet and talk with so many Clerks in the course of these reviews.

Cadiz, Cadiz	Piney Fork, Piney Fork
Cameron, Wolf Run	Powhatan, First
Chester, Trinity Parish	Steubenville, First Westminster
Harrisville, Covenant	Toronto, First
Key, Bethel	Toronto, Hill Top
Limestone, Limestone	Warnock, Warnock
Moundsville, First	Weirton, Oakland
New Athens, First	Wintersville, Two Ridges

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Committee on Ministry Report to the Presbytery – RE Dee Kovach, Co-Chair

COM Members:

Ruling Elders: Beth Hahn (St. C., Calvary), Christina Kestner (Moundsville, Limestone), Dee Kovach, Co Moderator (Mingo, First), Bob Milner (Chester, Westminster), Howard Monroe (Wheeling, Vance Memorial), Connie Quinn (Brilliant, First), Don Rauch (Mingo, First), Rich Siburt (Moundsville, Limestone), Paul Todd (East Liverpool, Long's Run Trinity), Carol Krebs (Bellaire, Rock Hill);

Teaching Elders: Barry Hall (Harrisville, Covenant), John Harris (Bethlehem, United), Deb Mesham (Bellaire, Bellaire), David Roberts (Shadyside, First), Terri Swails (Salineville, Bethel), Bill Webster, Co Moderator (MF, Grace)

Items for Action:

1. *Dissolution of Call, Rev. David Stammerjohn, Martins Ferry, First*– The presbytery, through its Committee on Ministry and in keeping with G-2.0902, has received the request of the Rev. David Stammerjohn for dissolution of the pastoral relationship with First Presbyterian Church, Martins Ferry, OH, as he enters retirement. The congregation of First Presbyterian Church, Martins Ferry, has acted to concur with this request, and has communicated its action to the presbytery with a request that we grant the dissolution of the pastoral relationship, and that we confer upon Rev. Stammerjohn the status of Honorably Retired Teaching Elder. Upon proper motion and vote the Committee on Ministry recommends the presbytery vote to grant this dissolution, and to honor Reverend Stammerjohn as he enters into retirement.
2. *2022 Minimums*: COM recommends presbytery establish by its vote the following Minimum Terms of Call for 2022. A cost-of-living increase of 2.9% has guided the Committee's recommendation.

2022 Minimum Terms of Call for Ministers of Word and Sacrament:

	2021	2022
SALARY	35,233	\$36,264
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CONTINUING ED & BOOKS	1,200	1,200
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2022 Recommended Minimum Terms of Compensation for Certified Christian Educators.

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3. COM Commissioning Language Modification - 2nd Reading and vote

At its June 23rd, 2015 Stated Meeting, Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery approved the following change to its presbytery by-laws.

Committee on Ministry. That the Committee on Ministry, working on behalf of Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery, be delegated the authority and responsibility to:

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- b. Appoint moderators of congregations;
- c. Approve pastoral contracts;
- d. Waive rotation of officers for congregations;
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- f. Approve the purchase or sale of a manse;
- g. Authorize lay ministry, training, preparation and placement, and train ruling elders in temporary pastoral relations with congregations;
- h. Deal with pastoral and congregational emergencies between presbyteries meetings;
- i. Assume original jurisdiction of a session as per G-3.0303e until an administrative commission can create an appropriate plan in response.

The Committee on Ministry recommends the following revision:

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4. *Call of Brilliant, First, to TE David Roberts*

The Committee acted upon a call from First Presbyterian Church, Brilliant, OH, to TE David Roberts for his ministry as Part-time Pastor. Presbytery action may be in order.

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Items for Information:

- **Permission to Administer the Lord's Sacrament**

The Committee on Ministry granted permission to the following trained ruling elders to officiate at the Lord's Table with the corresponding congregations:

- RE Alcinda James at Wellsville, Oak Ridge on 08/12/2021
 - RE Roger Criss at New Cumberland, First on 08/15/2021
 - RE Bob Henderson at Cadiz, First on 09/05/2021
 - RE Roger Criss at Weirton, Cove on 9/12 and 11/21/2021
 - RE Alcinda James at Wellsville, Yellow Creek on 10/03/2021
 - RE Bob Henderson at Cadiz, First on 10/03/2021
 - RE Dee Kovach at Dillonvale, 1ST & St. Clairsville, 1ST on 10/03/2021
 - RE Roger Criss at Jewett, Ridge and Scio, First on 10/03/2021
 - RE Caroline Walker at Toronto on 9/12/2021
 - RE Connie Crawford at Toronto, First on 11/7/2021
 - RE Bob Henderson at Cadiz, First on 11/7/2021
 - RE Roger Criss at Hopedale on 11/28/2021
- **Pastor Transfer** - The Committee on Ministry approved the transfer of TE Jas. Edw. Rudiger from Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery to Kiskiminetas Presbytery.
 - **Moderators of Record** - The Committee on Ministry has appointed the following individuals as moderators of record for the following congregations:
 - Jane Schockey as moderator of Richmond, First
 - John Edward Harris as moderator of New Cumberland, First
 - **Contracts** - The Committee on Ministry approved the following contracts, which are on file in the presbytery offices:
 - RE Kandy Dunn, Long Term Pulpit Supply w/ Sherrard, Allen Grove
 - Rev. Vaughn Foster (Amer. Baptist), TPR w/ Mingo Junction, First
 - RE Dorothy Kovach, Long Term Pulpit Supply w/ Steubenville, Pleasant Hill
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 - Rev. Dr. M. Susan Spencer-Smith (UMC, Retired), LTTPS w/ Weirton, Cove
 - Rev. J. Robt. Willits, TPR, Barnesville, First

- end of Comm on Ministry Report -

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery 2022 Proposed Budget.

	2022 Proposed Budget	2022 Budget w/Full Per Capita Rec'd	2021 Budget
INCOME			
Per Capita (at 60% giving) <small>(29.50x4,799=141,570.50)</small>	84,942.30	141,570.50	84,942.30
Mission Giving	25,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Projected Other Income	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
TOTAL INCOME	<u>111,142.30</u>	<u>167,770.50</u>	<u>111,142.30</u>
EXPENSES			
PERSONNEL			
Office Manager	25,190.10	25,190.10	25,190.10
Stated Clerk	16,500.00	16,500.00	15,000.00
Stated Clerk Expense	600.00	600.00	600.00
Bookkeeper	8,073.75	8,073.75	8,073.75
Treasurer	2,018.44	2,018.44	2,018.44
Journal Clerk	400.00	400.00	500.00
Workers' Compensation	350.00	350.00	350.00
TOTAL PERSONNEL	<u>53,132.29</u>	<u>53,132.29</u>	<u>51,732.29</u>
PER CAPITA			
Synod <small>(2.40x4,799 members)</small>	11,517.60	11,517.60	11,517.60
General Assembly <small>(8.98x4,799 members)</small>	43,095.02	43,095.02	42,951.05
TOTAL PER CAPITA	<u>54,612.62</u>	<u>54,612.62</u>	<u>54,468.65</u>
OFFICE EXPENSES	15,600.00	15,600.00	15,600.00
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Leadership Commission/Moderator	1,000.00		
LC Expenses/Moderator Training	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Pastoral Care Committee	500.00	500.00	500.00
Committee on Ministry			
CoM Expenses	100.00	100.00	100.00
CRE Training (IPLF)	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Committee on Preparation	-	-	-
Round Table			
Expenses	400.00	85.00	85.00
Presbytery Meeting Honorariums/Expenses	450.00	450.00	450.00
Training and Development Committee	1,000.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Triennium	6,000.00		
Mission			
Evangelism Committee	-	-	-
Beaver Creek Camp		400.00	400.00
Laughlin Chapel	14,000.00	12,000.00	12,000.00
International Partnership (Malawi)	self funded	self funded	self funded
Emergency Mission	1,200.00	1,200.00	1,200.00
Peacemaking	as collected	as collected	as collected
Domestic Partnership (Dakota)	self funded	self funded	self funded
Bills and Overture	-	-	-
Nominating Committee	-	-	-
TOTAL COMMITTEE EXPENSES	<u>26,650.00</u>	<u>19,235.00</u>	<u>19,235.00</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>149,994.91</u>	<u>142,579.91</u>	<u>141,035.94</u>
EXCESS OF INCOME OVER EXPENSES	<u>(38,852.61)</u>	<u>25,190.59</u>	<u>(29,893.64)</u>
CAPITAL EXPENDITURES	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>	<u>4,000.00</u>

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Report of the TE Commissioner to Synod – TE John Edward Harris

Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery elected me as Teaching Elder Commissioner to the Synod of the Trinity Assembly at the presbytery's December 2020 meeting.

The Synod of the Trinity Assembly consists of 38 Commissioners: one Teaching Elder and one Ruling Elder are elected from each presbytery. Six At-Large Racial Ethnic Commissioners (Teaching or Ruling Elders) are also elected from selected presbyteries. Commissioners may serve two consecutive three-year terms.

A Winter Regional Gathering Exploring the Commissioner Role was held in January 2021 using the online conferencing program Zoom. Eastern and Central Regions convened via Zoom from 6:00-7:30 PM January 11; Northwest and Southwest Regions met via Zoom from 6:00-7:30 PM January 12. Due to a scheduling conflict, I participated in the January 11 gathering rather than the January 12 gathering.

A Spring Regional Gathering for the Eastern and Central Regions was held on May 26. The Northwest and Southwest regions gathered on May 27. Both gatherings were via Zoom. I participated in the May 27 gathering.

The annual Synod Assembly met Sunday evening October 24, Monday morning and evening October 25, and Tuesday morning October 26. The assembly was presided over by Co-Moderators Charlie Best and Martha Jordan.

Sunday evening's session featured The Reverend Jimmie Hawkins, the Director of the PC(USA) Advocacy Offices, Office of Public Witness & Ministry at the United Nations, speaking on "Covenantal Righteousness and Justice." Tuesday morning was dedicated to receiving and acting on reports. The Monday evening session honored Transitional Executive, The Reverend Susan Faye Wonderland, whose contract ends December 31, 2021. Tuesday morning's session was dedicated to receiving and acting on the Report of the Search Committee for the Synod of the Trinity Executive. The Search Committee recommended that the Reverend Forrest Claassen, Co-Executive and Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Los Ranchos, be elected to serve as Executive of the Synod of the Trinity from January 1, 2021, until December 31, 2026, with an effective salary of \$101,000 and appropriate benefits. He was unanimously elected.

The last time I served as a Teaching Elder Commissioner to Synod Assembly was the Synod of the Mid-Atlantic in 1993. That was a two-day, overnight, in person meeting. The Synod of the Trinity's two gatherings and three-day Assembly, all via Zoom, was quite a contrast to the 1993 experience. Though the Synod has been meeting via Zoom because of Covid-19, and a face-to-face Assembly may be in the works for 2022, I expect the Synod to continue using online video conferencing for at least some of its future work.

Respectfully submitted,

Teaching Elder John Edward Harris

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Nominating Committee Report - CRE George Crawford

ACTION ITEM: The Nominating Committee nominates the following persons for election to the corresponding offices/committees, and for the terms indicated:

Committee/Office	Name	Term
Leadership Commission	RE Alcinda James	2024
Pastoral Care Team	TE Jane Schockey	2024
Comm on Ministry	RE Dee Kovach	2024
Comm on Ministry	TE Bill Webster	2024
Comm on Ministry	RE Bob Milner	2024
Comm on Ministry	RE Beth Hahn	2024
Comm on Ministry	RE Roy Gryskovich	2024
UOVP Moderator	TE John Edward Harris	2023
Pastoral Care	TE Ruth Ellen Bates	2024
Preparation for Ministry	TE Darrin Jones	2024
Preparation for Ministry	TE Nancy DeStefano	2024
Preparation for Ministry + Chair	TE Richard Cunningham	2024
Stewardship	TE Mike O'Neil	2023
Stewardship	RE Joan Gardner	2024
Stewardship	RE John Hargleroad	2024
Treasurer	RE Connie Quinn	2022
COM Co-Chairperson	RE Dee Kovach	2022
COM Co-Chairperson	TE Bill Webster	2022

Respectfully submitted,

George Crawford, Chairman
Nominating Committee

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Bills and Overtures Committee Report to the Presbytery – TE David Demarest

COMMITTEE MEMBERS: TE David Demarest (Bellaire, Rock Hill and Bridgeport, Kirkwood), Chair; TE John Edward Harris (Bethlehem, Bethlehem United); TE Debra Messham (HR); TE Andrew Woods (HR); TE Katrina Lewis (HR)

Item for Action:

The Bills & Overtures Committee returns the following proposed amendment to the Upper Ohio Valley Presbytery Bylaws for second reading and action:

ARTICLE IV. OFFICERS

C. STATED CLERK:

1. Duties of the Stated Clerk shall be those prescribed in G-3.0104, as well as those listed in the presbytery's manual of operations. The Stated Clerk shall also serve as the corporation secretary for the presbytery. The Stated Clerk shall also serve on the Leadership Commission. *If the Stated Clerk is not a voting member of the presbytery, then the Clerk shall serve with voice but without vote in all meetings of the presbytery and its Round Table, committees, and commissions of which the Clerk is a member.*

- end Bills and Overtures Committee Report -

Malawi Partnership Report to the Presbytery – RE Mary McElroy, Convener

October 13, 2021 Malawi notes

The Malawi Group met at Two Ridges Church on October 13. The meeting was opened by Mary McElroy with selected verses from Hebrews 11 followed by prayer. We discussed what it means to step out in faith as we consider our relationship with our Malawi friends.

Reports were heard concerning communications we have had from our partners and Rev. Stanley Chimesya. We were happy to hear that COVID 19 is very low with most in the Domasi area being vaccinated. We gave thanks to Rev. Stanley for making our money transfer possible. Pictures were sent of the transfer. We are now waiting for reports from the recipients.

There was much conversation about the wisdom of sending travelers over in May or June. It was decided that we would send people over but the date is yet to be decided. We are in constant communication with our partners concerning COVID and restrictions on travel to their area. We hope to set plans in action at our next meeting.

We will meet again on Wednesday, November 11, 2021, at 10 A.M. at Two Ridges Church. Please keep the above issues in prayer as we want to follow the plans God has in place for us.

Rev. Nancy DeStefano closed the meeting with prayer.

November 10, 2021 Malawi notes

Partners for Malawi met November 10, 2022 at Two Ridges Church. There were nine in attendance. The meeting was opened with prayer by Mary McElroy followed by the reading of portions of Isaiah 58.

A time of partner sharing was held with reports from several of our Malawi partners. Discussion was held on how \$3900 sent for a community garden project should be allocated since that project did not exist in Domasi Presbytery ... It was determined that the funds be used for the intended purpose of providing supplies for food production. We will ask the Domasi Presbytery to bank the funds in their account and allocate to any church in the Presbytery that has a need for garden supplies. We pray that this will reach and feed more people in the long run.

Travel was next on the agenda. May 18, 2022-June 4, 2022 was set providing it was in agreement with Domasi Presbytery and flight schedules. Rev. Nancy DeStefano will make contacts for travel arrangements, contact Pittsburgh Seminary and the Pittsburgh Malawi Task Force, and inquire about others who might want to join our travelers.

Karen Byrne shared the need for water supply to prisons. We voted to begin a campaign for funds to drill a well. More information will be coming out on the Presbytery website. You can also view it by going to "MALAWI WELL WISHERS @ YOUTUBE". This is a gift that just keeps on giving. We hope many will see the value of this project and send funds to the Presbytery office with the designation of Malawi Well Wishers.

Our time together was closed with prayer by Rev. Nancy DeStefano.

Blessings,

Mary McElroy, Convener

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Malawi Partnership Report
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Our Malawi team also received a report from Pastor Dennis Mulele on the use of financial gifts from our presbytery:

I am so glad to inform you that we had Presbytery Staff meeting on which I briefed about the development on how we need to use the funds for food production. We are going to do the following as a matter of Food Production:

1. There are 10 congregations as of now with gardens of which we are going to assist with fertilizer. after harvest they use the produce for helping the needy in their communities as well as their hungry Christians. Names of the congregations we intend to assist are Machinga, Sakata, Mifumo, Chisani, Domasi Mission Secondary school, Namingadzi, Chifumbe, Nyambwe, Ntanangala.
2. Domasi Mission Secondary School garden will be greatly assisted for production of food for the students as well and also for helping needy Christians around Domasi Mission
3. Pastors within Domasi Presbytery will also be assisted because every time they receive hungry people at their manses for food. These church ministers they also know better the elderly in community who always need help for food. They are 16. They have garden around their manses. An assessment has been made already on the importance of helping all these groupings.

John Milanzi left Domasi Mission Secondary School sometime 8 years ago. Domasi has a new head teacher who will be taking care of the school garden.

This idea will help most of the people in maize and rice production. And i believe next year during the harvest period we will have a lot of harvest for the needy.

Will be reporting back on this project.
Have a blessed day.

(end of Malawi Partnership Team report)

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Worship

Opening Sentences

One: O Lord, open my lips,

All: and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

One: You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power

**All: for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.**

Morning Hymn

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

(1)

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,
Born to set Thy People free:
From our fears and sins release us;
Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.

(2)

Born Thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a King,
Born to reign in us forever,
Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all sufficient merit
Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Psalm 149

Silence

Psalm Prayer

Scripture

Haggai 2:1-9

One: The word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Meditation

Thanksgiving and Intercession

One: Satisfy us with your love in the morning

All: and we will live this day in joy and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

Communion

Morning Hymn

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

(1)

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
 Christ, the true, the only light,
 Sun of Righteousness, arise,
 Triumph o'er the shades of night;
 Dayspring from on high be near:
 Daystar, in my heart appear.

(2)

Dark and cheerless is the morn
 Unaccompanied by Thee;
 Joyless is the day's return
 Till Thy mercy's beams I see,
 Till they inward light impart,
 Cheer my eyes and warm my heart.

(3)

Visit then this soul of mine;
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
 Fill me, radiancy divine;
 Pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
 Scatter all my unbelief;
 More and more Thyself display,
 Shining to the perfect day.

Dismissal

One: To God be honor and glory forever and ever.

All: Amen.

One: Bless the Lord.

All: The Lord's name be praised.

(Adapted from "Saturday Morning Prayer" 2018 *BoCW* pp.893-895 with Eucharist added.)

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Presbytery Resource Center Update - TE Mike O'Neil

We have been working to upgrade the Resource Center located at the Presbytery Offices in Wheeling. The collection has been thoroughly sorted, with old, damaged, and unused books pulled for recycling. Then we restocked the Resource Center with nearly 100 new titles, some purchased and others contributed by generous individuals. We are grateful for each of those donations, and also to Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church who make space available to us and have gifted us with a copier for the Resource Center.

Resource Center materials include an extensive section on church conflict, transitions, and clergy self-care that has some excellent materials. Recent purchases focus on worship and preaching, prayer and spiritual development, leadership, stewardship, small church life, interim/transitional ministry, theology, and Sunday school/discipleship resources.

The vast majority of Resource Center materials are available to borrow at no cost. A Reference Section includes volumes very useful for study and research, but these Reference Section materials should please *not* be borrowed but instead remain in the room for use by other visitors to the Resource Center.

There are some changes to checking out resources, too. Books available for borrowing can simply be logged on a sign-out sheet and taken by the borrower. I will occasionally highlight some resources and periodically share a wish list for other materials.

We are creating this as a space where people can read or study in a comfortable setting, while it also provides a good meeting place for small groups. Our final steps in the transition are nearly complete, but even so the space is ready to receive you now. We hope you will stop in and make use of your UOVP Resource Center.

Grace and Peace
TE Mike O'Neil, Resource Center Coordinator

ENROLLMENT REPORT P = Present E = Excused

CHURCH	P	E	Name	CHURCH	P	E	Name
Barnesville, First PC				Martns Ferry, Sctch Ridge			
Bellaire, Bellaire PC				Mingo Junction, First			
Bellaire, Belmont PC				Moundsville, Limestone	X		Rich Siburt
Bellaire, First U.P.				Moundsville, First			
Bellaire, Rock Hill	X		Rob McAninch	Mt. Pleasant, First			
Bergholz, Trinity PC				Neffs, Coalbrook			
Bethlehem, Bethlehem	X		Sue Lane Johnson	New Athens, First			
Blaine, Pleasant Valley				New Cumberland, First			
Bloomington, Annapolis				New Martinsville, First			
Bloomington, Blmington				New Matamoras, First			
Bridgeport, Kirkwood				Piney Fork, Piney Fork			
Brilliant, First U.P.	X		Deb Gilchrist	Powhatan Point, First			
Cadiz, Cadiz P.C.	X		Jackie Hutyera	Rayland, Glen Robbins			
Cameron, First U.P.				Richmond, United			
Cameron, Wolf Run PC				St. Clairsville, Calvary			
Centerville, Concord PC				St. Clairsville, First			
Chester, Trinity Parish				St. Clairsville, Uniontown			
Chester, Westminster PC		X	Rob Milner	Salineville, Bethel			
Colerain, Colerain PC				Salineville, Calvary			
Colliers, Cross Creek PC				Scio, First			
Dallas, Commun Presbn				Shadyside, First			
Dillonvale, First PC				Sherrard, Allen Grove		X	
E. Liverpool, Calcutta PC				Sistersville, First	X		Kim McIntire
E. Liverpool, Emmanuel				Smithfield, Smithfield			
E. Liverpool, Grace				Steubenville, 1 st Westmstr			
E. Lvrpool, Lng'sRun Trin				Steubenville, Plsnt Hill			
Follansbee, Follansbee PC				Toronto, First	X		Ben Beswick
Hammondsville, Grant Hill				Toronto, Hill Top			
Hanoverton, New Leban				Triadelphia, Roney's Pt.			
Harrisville, Covenant				Warnock, Community			
Hopedale, United				Weirton, Cove			
Jewett, Jewett				Weirton, Oakland			
Jewett, Ridge				Wellsburg, First			
Key, Bethel				Wellsville, Covenant	X		Delores Stanley

Laings, Laings				Wellsville, Oak Ridge	X		Joseph Olesky
Martins Ferry, First				Wellsville, Riverside			
Martins Ferry, Grace	X		Dave McFarlan	Wellsville, Yellow Creek			
West Liberty, Federated				Wheeling, Vance Meml.			
Wheeling, First				Wintersville, Two Ridges			
Wheeling, Stone				Woodsfield, Woodsfield			
							TOTAL: 8

P = Present

E = Excused

PC(USA) TE Membr of UOVP	P	E	PC(USA) TE Membr of UOVP	P	E	PC(USA) TE Member of UOVP	P	E	PC(USA) TE Member of UOVP	P	E
Armstrong, L. (HR)			Griffith, Colleen	X		LaPlaca, C. (HR)			O'Neil, Michael	X	
Bates, R.E. (HR)			Hall, Barry			Lawrence, W. (HR)			Roberts, David		
Bayless, Tyler			Harden, Homer			Lenno, M. (HR)			Schockey, Jane		
Bongart, M. (HR)			Harley, Erica			Lewis, Franklin (HR)			Stammerjohn, D. (HR)	X	
Browder, R. (HR)			Harris, John Edw.	X		Lewis, Katrina (HR)			Stern, E. (HR)		
Brown, Claudia			Jeffries, Alan	X		Leyda, Ian	X		Swails, Terri	X	
Demarest, David	X		Jones, Darrin			Luckhardt- Hendricks, T. (HR)			Toot, H. "Gene"		
DeStefano, Nancy			Kantz, R. (HR)			McElroy, B. (HR)			Webster, William		
Dill, M. Lorraine	X		Keevil, P. (HR)			Messham, D. (HR)	X		Willits, J. R. (HR)		
Elliott, Jason			Kline, L. (HR)			Meyer, C. R. (HR)			Wilt, T. (HR)		
Fedyszyn, S. (HR)			Knapp, D. (HR)			Morgan, R. (HR)			Woods, A. (HR)		
Gracey, R. (HR)									TOTAL: 10		

Non-PC(USA) Clergy	P	E	Non-PC(USA) Clergy	P	E
Cunningham, Jerald (Nazarene)			Krebs, Randall (Baptist)		
Foster, Vaughn (American Baptist)	X		Lehosky, Susan (United Church of Christ)	X	
Jefchak, Diane (Dscpls of Christ-ChristianCh)		X	TOTAL:		

Commissioned Pastor	P	E	Commissioned Pastor	P	E	Lay Preacher	P	E	Lay Preacher	P	E
Byrne, Karen	X		Haas, Frank		X	Criss, Roger			Kestner, Christina		
Dunn, Mike			Quinn, Connie	X		Cunningham, Richard			Kovach, Dee (below)		
Ellis, Joe			Stanley, G. "Rick"	X		Duncan, Pam			McMannis, Susan		
Farmer, Alyson			Turner, Kurt			Dunlap, Brenda			Monroe, Howard		
Foster, Cindy	X		Walburn, Peter			Dunn, Kandy	X		Nelson, Jeffrey		
			Zellars, Margie	X		Frischkorn, Mary Anne			Schoolcraft, Carol		
						Hendricks, Joseph			Todd, Paul	X	
						Jancura, Wally	X		Zoric, Virginia		
			TOTAL: 5						TOTAL: 3		

Christian Educators	Officers, incl Comm. Chairs (not TE or CRE)
(none)	Kovach, Dee - Comm. on Ministry Co-Chair X
	Cochran, James - Stewardship Comm. Chair X
	OTHERS WITH VOTE - TOTAL: 2

THOSE ALSO PRESENT

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS w/ privilege of the floor	ALSO W PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR	GUESTS
Interim Pastor TE Mary Jane Knapp (Mskngm Valley Pby)	Enrollment Clerk RE Jack Kibble (Cadiz)	RE Tom Connell (Brilliant, First)
		Shawn Todd (UOVP Staff)
Stated Clerk TE Kephart, Craig (Washn Pby) with privilege of the floor	Presbn Women UOVP – Modtr. RE Judy Miller	
Commissioned Pastor CRE Crawford, George (Washn Pby)	Journal Clerk RE Alcinda James	
		TOTAL: 8

ATTEST - REs Present 24

TEs Present 11

no. of cong'ns represented: 33

RE Kandy Dunn, Moderator

TE Craig Kephart, Stated Clerk