

The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
Presbytery Assembly
meeting at the
Mitchell Presbyterian Church - Mitchell, Indiana
December 1, 2011
Vice-Moderator CRE Mike Beavers, Moderator
Rev. Lawrence Jackman, Stated Clerk

The Vice-Moderator, Commissioned Ruling Elder Mike Beavers, called the meeting of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to order at 1:05 p.m.

Worship and Proclamation of the Word

Rev. Susan McGhee and Rev. Cheryl Thorne led in the opening worship and proclamation of the Word.

Following Worship, a quorum was declared present and attendance was indicated by the rolls, as follows:

Formation of the Roll

The roll was established by written registration. Minister members and Elder Commissioners were present (P), absent (A), or excused (E) as listed below.

Ministers

Ackerman, Jim
Aelick, E. Duane
Ballard, John
Bangert, Byron
Barnes-Davies, Peter
Bartel, Michelle
Bean, Michael
Brand, D. Calvert
Bremer, David
Brookman, David
Brown, James
Casteel, Peggy
Chironna, John
Cochran, Sarah
Colwell, Allen
Cormack, Jack
Craig, Robert
Cramer, James
Crittenden, David
Davenport, Dennis
Davis, Lant
Drake, Alfred
Erickson, Eric
Erickson, John
Erickson, Norie
Evanchak, Michael

Church

(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Member-at-Large
(A) Honorably Retired
(P) Scottsburg, First
(A) New Washington, Trinity United
(A) North Vernon, Graham
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Bloomington, United
(A) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Columbus, First
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Vernon, Vernon
(A) New Albany, St John United
(P) New Albany, Mount Tabor
(E) Columbus, First
(A) Fort Branch, First
(E) GA/Mission Council
(A) Evansville, Eastminster
(P) Terre Haute, Central
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Honorably Retired
(A) Seymour, First
(A) Honorably Retired
(P) Boonville, Hemenway Memorial

Ministers

Finley, E. Dean
Finnan, Alan
Fisher, Carol
Fleming, Kevin
Flucke, Aaron
Flucke, David
Fortel, Deborah
Fox, Kathleen
FrizLanger, Martha
Frost, Randall
Geckeler, Steve
Gladney, Eugene
Gorton, William
Gould, Monica
Guthrie, J. Marshall
Hainer, Frank
Haw, Ann
Heilman, William
Heldring, Boyd
Hill, Scott
Hudson, Jay
Hudson, Jill
Hueftle, Keith
Humphrey, Carol
Jackman, Lawrence
Jensen, Mary
Jessen, Timothy
Johnson, Hana
Keeney, William
Kendall, Wes
Kinloch, Donald
Knight, Jo Ann
Kort, Andy
Langer, Larry
Lee, David
Lee, Sang Tae
Leggett, James
Lenhart, Benjamin
Lorimer, Robert
Marshall, Anne
McCormick, Wendy
McDaniel, Mark
McGhee, Susan
McGlasson, Paul

Church

(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Washington, Westminster
(A) Martinsville, First
(A) Evansville, First
(P) Lexington, Lexington
(P) Charlestown, Community
(P) Honorably Retired
(P) Newburgh, Newburgh
(P) Dale, Dale
(E) Member-at-Large
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Princeton, First
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Mount Vernon, First
(E) Honorably Retired
(P) Laconia, Rehoboth
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Petersburg, Main Street
(P) Corydon, Corydon
(A) GA/PILP
(A) GA/Governing Body Relations
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Member-at-Large
(P) Presbytery of Ohio Valley
(A) Member-at-Large
(E) Member-at-Large
(P) Cayuga, Cayuga (United)
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Greencastle, Greencastle
(A) Member-at-Large
(E) Fort Bliss, U.S. Army
(P) Bloomington, First
(P) Jasper, First
(P) Spencer, Spencer
(A) Bloomington, Korean
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(E) Honorably Retired
(A) Columbus, Fairlawn
(A) Evansville, Center for Congregations Southwest
(P) Bedford, First
(P) Presbytery of Ohio Valley
(A) Sullivan, First

Ministers

McKune, John
 Moore, Gregory
 Napier, Brad
 Nead, Alfred
 Olson, Mark
 Olson, Wendy
 O'Neill, Shane
 Owen, Elisa
 Paul-Bonham, Scott
 Pedersen, Rachel
 Pekich-Bundy, Katrina
 Peters, Linda
 Porter, Mark
 Pritchard, Richard
 Pye, Charles
 Railing, Deanna
 Ramirez-Spears, Amy
 Robinson, Mark
 Rogers, William
 Roseland, Chris
 Rudolph, L.C.
 Rumsey, William
 Sale, Thomas
 Scroggins, Gary
 Seay, Scott
 Smith, Alexa
 Smith, Sharon
 Stokes, Donald
 Stuart, Irene
 Summerfield, Don
 Taylor, Veltri
 Thompson, Murray
 Thompson, William
 Thorne, Cheryl
 Tracy, Doug
 Tratebas, Edmund
 Turner, Robert
 VanderZee, John
 VanderZee, Wendy
 Walden-Fisher, Beth
 Walters, Ralph
 Waters, Nancy
 White, Robert
 Williams-Hanrattie, Sharon

Church

(E) Honorably Retired
 (E) Member-at-Large
 (A) Brownstown, First
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (A) Trinity Parish
 (P) Trinity Parish
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (A) Member-at-Large
 (A) Terre Haute, Fed Bureau of Prisons
 (A) Bloomington, First
 (P) Hanover, Hanover
 (P) Terre Haute, Unity
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (E) Clarksville, Grace
 (E) Member-at-Large
 (E) Member-at-Large
 (A) Member-at-Large
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (A) GA/Mission Council
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (A) Honorably Retired
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (A) Brazil, First
 (P) Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
 (A) GA/Presbyterian Hunger Program
 (A) Member-at-Large
 (A) Livonia, Livonia United
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (P) Jeffersonville, First
 (A) Evansville, Asera Care Hospice
 (P) Bloomfield, First
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (P) Vincennes, Indiana
 (P) Indianapolis, Synod of Lincoln Trails
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (P) Bloomington, Bloomington Hospital
 (E) Bloomington, Hospice of Bloomington Hospital
 (P) Salem, Salem
 (E) Patoka, Union Bethel
 (P) Paoli, First
 (E) Honorably Retired
 (A) Columbus, Turning Point

Ministers

Wynveen, Barry
Young, David
Young, Nancy

Church

(P) Princeton, United
(P) Madison, Madison
(A) GA/Mission Council

Ministers,
Other Denomination

Feagan, Gene

Morris, William
Parker, Ray
Perkins, R. Wayne

Church

(A) Evansville, First
Avenue/Westminster
(A) Patoka, Patoka
(A) Evansville, Parke Memorial
(A) Evansville, Immanuel

Ruling Elders
Commissioned

Beaver, Mike
Ford, George
Haddad, Alejandra
Harder, Alan
Jones, Richard
Kutz-Mellem, Sharon
Poff, Dick
Snyder, Barbara
Traister, Andy
Turner, John

Church

(P) Nabb, Nabb
(A) Vincennes, First/Upper Indiana
(E) Bloomington, United
(P) Terre Haute, Central
(A) Farmersburg, First
(A) Laconia, United/Central, Valley City
(P) Spencer, Bethany
(P)
(A) New Albany, Mount Tabor
(P) Jasonville, Howesville

Church

Bedford, First
Bloomfield, First
Bloomington, First
Bloomington, United
Boonville, Hemenway Memorial
Brazil, First
Brownstown, First
Cayuga, Cayuga (United)
Central, Valley City
Charlestown, Community
Clarksville, Grace
Clinton, United
Columbus, Fairlawn
Columbus, First
Corydon, Corydon
Dale, Dale
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant
Evansville, Eastminster
Evansville, First

Commissioner

Tim Herold (A)
Ted Hawkins (P)
Ron Jensen (P)
Judie Iverson (A)
Anthony Hess (P)
Vanita Moore (A)
Rich Swartwood (P)
Mike Morgan (A)
Brenda Bliss (P)
Tom Cook (P)
Paul Troy (E)
Jack Fenoglio (P)
Phil Newton (A)
Vern Jorck (A)
Charles Eckart (P)
Steven Rexing (A)
Larry Luther (A)
Barbara Barrett (A)
Helen Templeton (A)

Church

Evansville, First Avenue
 Evansville, Immanuel
 Evansville, Parke Memorial
 Evansville, Westminster
 Farmersburg, First
 Fort Branch, First
 Grammer, Grammer
 Greencastle, Greencastle
 Hanover, Hanover
 Henryville, Community
 Henryville, Mount Lebanon
 Jasper, First
 Jeffersonville, First
 Laconia, Rehoboth
 Laconia, United
 Leavenworth, Community
 Lexington, Lexington
 Livonia, Livonia United
 Madison, Jefferson
 Madison, Madison
 Madison, Smyrna-Monroe
 Martinsville, First
 Mitchell, Mitchell
 Montezuma, First
 Mount Vernon, First
 Nabb, Nabb
 Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
 New Albany, Mount Tabor
 New Albany, St John United
 New Washington, Trinity United
 Newburgh, Newburgh
 North Vernon, Graham
 Paoli, First
 Patoka, Patoka
 Patoka, Union Bethel
 Petersburg, Main Street
 Princeton, Fairview
 Princeton, First
 Princeton, United
 Roachdale, Roachdale
 Rockville, Memorial
 Salem, Salem
 Scipio, United
 Scottsburg, First

Commissioner

Ed Marlin (A)
 Bea Clem (A)
 Wanda Collins (A)
 Doug Mikolasek (A)
 John Wood (A)
 Bill Jackson (A)
 Linda Coggin (A)
 Mary Hirt (A)
 Dick Conklin (P)
 Neva Newlin (P)
 Sue Weddle (A)
 Jim Duncan (P)
 Virgil Hertling (P)
 Paula Hensley (A)
 Judy Beckort (A)
 John Stutzman (P)
 George Hill (A)
 Johanna Lambert (A)
 Max Browning (A)
 Joyce Ashbrook (P)
 Kenneth Hord (A)
 Mike Stiver (P)
 Oakleigh Westfall (P)
 Ann Stanley (P)
 Bob Seitz (P)
 Roberta Bastian (A)
 Jane Gore (P)
 Tom McCarty (A)
 Jaci Owen (A)
 Ruby Taflinger (A)
 Pat Poland (A)
 Steve Graham (P)
 Joe Kimmel (P)
 Jo Ellen Bingham (A)
 Gerald Bane (A)
 Charles Gray (P)
 Commissioner (A)
 Troy Davidson (A)
 John Hynemann (A)
 John Boruff (A)
 Carolyn Davis (P)
 Max Bedwell (P)
 Bill Gerhard (A)
 David Bone (P)

Church

Seymour, First
 Spencer, Bethany
 Spencer, Spencer
 Sullivan, First
 Terre Haute, Central
 Terre Haute, Unity
 Vernon, Vernon
 Vevay, Caledonia
 Vincennes, Bethany
 Vincennes, First
 Vincennes, Indiana
 Vincennes, Royal Oak
 Vincennes, South Side
 Vincennes, Upper Indiana
 Washington, Westminster

Commissioner

George Ernest (A)
 Robert Pedro (P)
 Janet Poff (P)
 Bob Tomey (A)
 Renee Newton (A)
 Jayne Williams (A)
 Commissioner (A)
 Caren Griffith (A)
 Donald Opell (A)
 Nadene Nichols (A)
 Trudy Vanderbeck (P)
 Robert Dutton (A)
 Daniel Land (A)
 Brett Robling (A)
 Steve Foddrill (A)

Elder Members by Reason of Office

Brown, Jean (P)	Kimmel, Joe (P)	McClellan, Mary (A)
Goodwell, Karen (A)	Lentz, Pam (A)	Peters, Rob (P)
Gore, Jane (P)	Lucas, Jo (P)	Ward, Warren (A)

Visitors

Sheila Self	Madison, Madison	Beryl Pedro	Spencer, Bethany
Sara Shields	Salem	Richard Clark	Salem, Salem
Norma Eisert	Salem, Salem		

There were no Corresponding Members to be seated.

First time commissioners and ministers were introduced.

The Consent Agenda – (Rev. Larry Jackman)

Larry presented the Consent Agenda, consisting of the Minutes of the prior meeting of the Assembly, the Approval of Docket, the Report of the Stated Clerk, the Report of the Treasurer, the Administrative Commission Reports, and the Mission Partnership Report was presented and **APPROVED** as follows:

Docket for Assembly: December 1, 2011
 The Presbytery of Ohio Valley
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Worship and Proclamation of the Word

Call to order, Declaration of a Quorum, Seating of Corresponding Members, introduction of first time commissioners,
 Consent Agenda: Minutes of August 23, 2011, Approval of Docket, Report of the Stated Clerk, Report of the Treasurer, Administrative Commission Reports, Mission Partnership Report

Greetings from PYOCA

Speak-out Session and "Good News from the Pews"

Sharing of Joys and Concerns (Presbytery Prayer Partners)

Recognition of New Covenant Presbyterian Church/Monroe City

Report of the Mission Council

- Recommended Amendment to the Presbytery Manual of Operations

- Consideration of Policy on Sexual Ethics and Boundaries

Report of Committee on Ministry

Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Meeting of the Corporation

Report of the Stated Clerk – Changes in Statistical Reporting

Report of the Executive Presbyter

Report of the Nominating Committee - Election of Officers

Installation of Officers

New Business

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Anticipated Adjournment

Stated Clerk's Report – (Rev. Lawrence Jackman)

Overtures to General Assembly

A number of overtures have already been directed toward the 220th General Assembly which will be next summer. Such items include:

- Overtures to return to terms of Minister of Word and Sacrament, etc.

- Overture to return to ordination standards of the previous Book of Order

- Assurance of pastoral and session discretion in issues of marriage

- Urging the Board of Pensions to refrain from benefits to same-sex partners

- Several amendments of a technical nature.

Commission to Install Andrew Kort at Bloomington First met on Sunday September 17, 2011 and executed the Commission. The Commission was dissolved at the conclusion of the service.

Revisions in Statistical Reporting for 2010 The most remarkable change in statistical reporting for 2010 is the fact that reporting, forms and directions will all be "online". This will continue to be an issue for many of our smaller congregations where comfort with computerization is not present.

Acronym for Ruling Elders Commissioned to Particular Pastoral Service.

The term for the former Commissioned Lay Pastor seems to be moving toward a practice across the denomination. The practice is to refer to this as a **Commissioned Ruling Elder**. The Clerk recommends following this practice in POV's nomenclature.

Change to Charge to AC for Monroe City

The charge to the AC for Monroe City empowered the Commission to simply make disposition of any assets of the former congregation. It was believed that the assets were somewhat limited and could be directed toward the ongoing ministry of the Lord's Warehouse. Those assets were much larger than anticipated. Through its Moderator, the Commission recommended the Charge be amended to stipulate that the Commission creates a proposal for the disposition of assets.

Item 7 of the charge read: "The commission is authorized to distribute assets as deemed appropriate."

Change to: "The commission is authorized to prepare a recommendation for the distribution of assets as deemed appropriate."

Treasurer's Report – (Elder Jean Brown)

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc.
Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs. Budget)
January 1 through October 31, 2011

	Jan - Oct 2011	Jan - Oct 2011	Annual
	Actual	Budget	Budget
<u>Revenue</u>			
Per Capita	\$ 179,856	\$ 200,000	\$ 207,950
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)	80,222	95,000	114,000
Contributions	4,562	4,375	5,500
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans	40,500	40,500	54,000
Miscellaneous Income	950		
	<hr/> 306,090	<hr/> 339,875	<hr/> 381,450
<u>Expense</u>			
Staff Expense	171,205	168,351	202,403
Ecclesial Expense	95,001	80,223	81,448
Meeting Expense	10,655	10,483	13,800
Administration & Office Expense	25,912	31,666	38,000
Program Expense	29,275	28,435	33,951
Cluster Expense	1,321	5,000	6,000
Task Force Funding	1,035	5,000	6,000
Total Expense	<hr/> 334,404	<hr/> 329,158	<hr/> 381,602
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	<hr/> \$ (28,314)	<hr/> \$ 10,717	<hr/> \$ (152)

Fund Balances**As of October 31, 2011**

Church Legacy Funds	\$ 661,744
Brown Trust	288,005
Special Designations - Ezekiel, peacemaking	27,939
Undesignated Net Assets	<hr/> 921,979
	<hr/> \$ 1,899,667

Report of the New Covenant Church Administrative Commission – (Rev. Larry Langer, Moderator)

November 17, 2011

A Report of the Administrative Commission to close and settle the Affairs of the Palmyra and Monroe City Presbyterian Churches, known as the New Covenant Presbyterian Church and establish a new not-for-profit Corporation for “The Lord’s Warehouse” in Monroe City

At the Palmyra Presbyterian Church, the stained glass windows have been removed and, except for a few miscellaneous windows and the pair that have gone to a niece of the family to whom the windows were dedicated, now reside in Rev. Langer’s barn for safe keeping until such time as another church may want them or they are put on the market.

The utilities have been disconnected. The property is being surveyed, with the hopes that about ¼ can be sold to an abutting land owner, ¼ (the cemetery) can be deeded to the county and ½ (the part where the church sits) can be sold “as is” or cleared and sold. We have had an inquiry from the Indiana Landmarks Group about purchasing the building.

At the Monroe City Presbyterian Church, the windows have been removed and the building slated for demolition a few weeks ago. However, it was discovered that the water and the gas for the Lord’s Warehouse were somehow connected with the church building. We have the utility companies and a plumbing company checking this, as the Lord’s Warehouse needs these utilities to operate, especially as we get into the colder months.

The manse has been sold for \$24,500 and the money received and deposited.

The Lord’s Warehouse is working on forming the new not-for-profit with the coalition board representing the numerous local churches in the area.

We have been saddened by the illnesses of Jim and Jan Utt. Jim is currently in a rehab hospital in Indianapolis trying to recover from pneumonia and several other problems, while Jan is in a nursing home in Vincennes, recovering from surgery for a large, non-malignant growth. We have appreciated their help throughout the process and miss their assistance! Their daughter, Tammy Bosecker, has been extremely helpful in being our local “boots on the ground,” and we appreciate her very much!

The members of the Administrative Commission are: Rev. Larry Langer, chair; Rev. Michael Evanchak; Rev. Linda Peters; Rev. Cheryl Thorne; RECPS George Ford; Elder Diana Reel; and, Elder Rob Peters. We are working diligently to finish our task as soon as possible and preserve the assets to be used for the future of the Lord’s Warehouse and mission of the Church.

Report of the Charlestown Administrative Commission – (Rev. David Young, Moderator)

The Administrative Commission to the Charlestown Community Presbyterian Church has met four times in person and once via conference call since the September Assembly meeting. We have conducted interviews with church leaders and continue to receive and review documents and information related to our work on behalf of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.

We do not have any specific details that we can share at this time. We ask for your prayers as we continue our work, but most especially we ask your prayers for the congregation, session and pastor of the Charlestown church.

Report of the Olivet Administrative Commission – (Rev. Lant Davis, Moderator)

As previously reported to the Assembly, the Supreme Court of Indiana, having accepted “transfer” (essentially, an appeal) of the case from the Indiana Court of Appeals, heard oral argument from counsel for the litigants and other interested parties on September 1, 2011. As of the date of this report, the Supreme Court has issued no opinion, and it is hard to predict how long it may take the court to reach a decision in the matter. The Supreme Court could affirm the decision of the Indiana Court of Appeals, which was favorable to the Presbytery; or it could reverse or modify that decision; or it could send the case back to a lower court with instructions on how further to proceed.

As of November 23, 2011, the legal expenses of the Presbytery amount to \$315,897.74. This legal work commenced in 2006 and concerned the Presbytery’s final vote on Olivet’s request for dismissal, drafting a lease for presentation to Olivet (which was never signed), negotiations concerning the property (including two formal mediations under the supervision of the court), the cross-motions for summary judgment on stipulated record at the trial court level, the appeal, briefing, and oral argument to the Indiana Court of Appeals, and the transfer, briefing, and oral argument to the Indiana Supreme Court.

Report from Camp PYOCA – (Elder Rich Swartwood)

Rich brought us greetings and an oral report from Camp PYOCA . Of importance is that he brought the traditional camp cookies and let us know that registration will open on January 1 for the summer camping and retreat sessions.

Speak-out Session and "Good News from the Pews"

Several of the “good news” items were:

Barb Snyder mentioned the Spiritual Formation Retreat in January at St. Meinrad and that only a few spaces were left.

Martha FrizLanger mentioned that 61 Billion Dollars worth of various program and financial assistances go unclaimed. The Benefit Bank of Indiana, coordinated by Perdue University, has a software program available to assist people in getting enrolled in most of the forms of assistance. The program is available to be included in a church’s ministry after the needed training.

Jo Lucas mentioned that December 1st is World AIDS Day, recognized around the world, in the PCUSA and nationally. Some of our Peacemaking funds go to the AIDS network. She also reminded us of the partnership with International Center in Bethlehem and that we remember its ministry during in Advent. Scott Hill spoke of having fun in a grocery store, providing \$200 extra dollars for hunger, and providing over \$800 in groceries.

Ann from the Trinity Parish spoke about how the three churches in the Parish are growing into a loving family. She said that they are all “learning to travel,” as various programs are held in the various churches. On December 11 there will be a Christmas Musical, with a Parish Choir and a united youth group. Working together has been a wonderful experience.

Peter Barnes-Davies spoke of the joy of welcoming a new member. He mentioned the Stewardship Work Group of the Presbytery and invited people to go to the Stewardship conference in Charlotte NC in March.

Larry Langer related that he had brought some church-made turnip kraut and it was for sale in the fellowship hall, the proceeds from which would be used for the mission of the Presbyterian Women at the Jasper Church.

Monica Gould spoke of her 5th year ministry at Mt. Vernon and a woman who has been doing a jail ministry in the county jail for 12 years. Monica has now joined in providing this ministry each Sunday afternoon. Recently two offenders received the Sacrament of Baptism in the jail. Monica is grateful for the sheriff who embraces the spiritual side of a person’s life and allows this ministry in the jail.

The Sharing of Joys and Concerns

During this time, Elder Barbara Snyder included that she had felt “called” to once again be the facilitator of the “Presbytery Prayer Partners” ministry. She reminded us that each church is prayed for during the year and requested that we submit to her a synopsis of our ministries and needs for inclusion in the prayer information sent to the churches. The schedule for the Prayer Partner Ministry is:

January 1	POV Candidates and Inquirers	July 1	Church of the Covenant, Elizabeth
January 8	First, Bedford	July 8	Synod of Lincoln Trails
January 15	First, Bloomfield	July 15	Eastminster, Evansville
January 22	First, Bloomington	July 22	First, Evansville
January 29	Korean, Bloomington	July 29	First Avenue, Evansville
February 5	United, Bloomington	August 5	Immanuel, Evansville
February 12	Hemenway Memorial, Boonville	August 12	Parke Memorial, Evansville
February 19	First, Brazil	August 19	Westminster, Evansville
February 26	Brownstown	August 26	First, Farmersburg
March 4	POV Committees	September 2	First, Fort Branch
March 11	Livonia, Campbellsburg	September 9	Presbytery of Ohio Valley Staff
March 18	Jefferson, Canaan	September 16	Grammer
March 25	United, Cayuga	September 23	Greencastle
April 1	Valley City, Central	September 30	Hanover
April 8	Your own congregation	October 7	Community, Henryville
April 15	Community, Charlestown	October 14	Mt. Lebanon, Henryville
April 22	Grace, Clarksville	October 21	Howesville, Jasonville
April 29	United, Clinton (Trinity Parish)	October 28	First, Jasper
May 6	Fairlawn, Columbus	November 4	First, Jeffersonville
May 13	First, Columbus	November 11	Rehobeth, Laconia
May 20	Camp PYOCA	November 18	United, Laconia
May 27	Commissioners to POV. Assembly	November 25	Community, Leavenworth
June 3	Corydon	December 2	Commissioners to POV. Assembly
June 10	Dale	December 9	Lexington
June 17	General Assembly Staff	December 16	New Church Development, Sellersburg
June 24	Commissioners to the 220 th General Assembly	December 23	Peace on Earth

Several other joys and concerns were presented.

Recognition of New Covenant Presbyterian Church/Monroe City—(Rev. Larry Langer)

See the above written report by Rev. Langer and the written report by Rev. Jackman included here. Rev. Cheryl Thorne spoke about the ministry that will continue on the site of the New Covenant Church in Monroe City, the ministry of the Lord's Warehouse. For example, 160 food boxes were given out at Thanksgiving and many toys will be given out at Christmas. The Commission is in the process of establishing a new not-for-profit corporation for The Lord's Warehouse to continue after the New Covenant Presbyterian Church is dissolved. Susan McGhee began leading us in The Doxology, which concluded the report.

New Covenant Presbyterian Church
Stories of Service to Jesus Christ
Through Transitions
By Rev. Larry Jackman
Stated Clerk, Presbytery of Ohio Valley

New Covenant Church is no stranger to the idea of transition. For nearly 200 years, New Covenant, through one of its predecessor congregations, continued to serve the Lord in spite of changes in both the surrounding community and within the church itself.

At times, and perhaps even in this time, the church has been on the cutting edge of change and evolving ministry. New Covenant Church was the result of the merger of the old Palmyra Church and the United Church in Monroe City. Approximately 20 years ago these two congregations merged, forming New Covenant Church. Predating the actual merger, these two congregations formed a joint ministry between them.

The Palmyra Church history dates to 1824. It was organized as a Cumberland Presbyterian Church. That was 5 years before the Cumberland Church even had a General Assembly and only 14 years after the organization of a Cumberland Presbytery.

Formed in 1858, the life of Monroe City Church also goes back to Cumberland Presbyterian roots. As students of Church History know, the Cumberland Presbyterians were a group working hard to adapt our Presbyterian heritage to a frontier environment west of the Appalachian Mountains.

Perhaps it is the legacy of an adaptive tradition that has marked the journey of the congregation. The ability to adapt was a hallmark of frontier life and of our predecessors in Knox County. Some highlights of that adaptive legacy are:

Moving back into reunion with other Presbyterians in 1906 and walking free of the fetters of a denominational name. This church took on a new denominational name every 31 years of its life.

Ordaining women as elders as early as 1937—just a few years after it was possible. That was long before others found it positive.

Forming a larger parish to further the ministry of the area by 1940.

Walking free of the parish when it no longer served ministry.

Gladly accepting reunion again in 1958 and again in 1983.

Adapting to a life of union of the two congregations by the 1990's and embracing ministry through a Commissioned Lay Pastor for many years.

Moving from being the largest protestant church in the county to closing, while still providing a legacy of God's work and will in the community.

Over the last few years the congregation has morphed into a community ministry serving basic needs, such as food and clothing, for the residents of the area. This ministry, the Lord's Warehouse, is the latest expression of obedience to God and quest for ministry with meaning by the people of New Covenant. The church has had its final service of worship and formal closing. The ministry has been recognized and honored in the community. The Presbytery of Ohio Valley adds its commendation to the members (past and present) and to Jan Utt who has served as a commissioned lay pastor of this congregation.

The Administrative Commission continues its work to complete all necessary work to complete this transition in ministry.

Our sisters and brothers in this place have continuously witnessed to us over three different centuries that faithful followers of Jesus Christ are adaptive and able to minister to a changing world.

Thanks be to God for the ministry and the life of New Covenant Church.

Report of the POV Mission Council – (Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator)

For Presbytery's Information

Council met on November 8, 2011, at Spring Mill State Park, and took the following actions:

1. Reaffirmed our Vision and Mission, and considered their implications for our life and work together as a Mission Council and as a Presbytery.
2. Received reports of Presbytery officers, staff, committees, work groups, and other entities.
3. Acting as a Commission of Presbytery, amended the charge to the New Covenant Administrative Commission, by striking item # 7, "The commission is authorized to distribute assets as deemed appropriate," and replacing it with "The commission is authorized to prepare a recommendation to the Mission Council for the distribution of assets as deemed appropriate."
4. Approved a request from the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Bloomfield, to be placed in the North Central Region.
5. Approved a request from the Lay Pastor Committee to recommend to Assembly amendments to the Presbytery Manual (See Action Item #1)
6. Received a report from Council's Sexual Misconduct Policy Revision Task Force, and decided to send the policy to Assembly for approval (See Action Item #2)

For Presbytery Action

1. *That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley amend its Manual of Operations by replacing the name, purpose and responsibilities of the "Lay Pastor Committee" with the following language.*
APPROVED, as follows:

POV Academy Committee (POVAC)

Purpose: To provide opportunities for all participants in POV churches to receive theological education through weekend classes and to provide a process whereby ruling elders become qualified to be commissioned to pastoral service.

Responsibilities:

This committee

- promotes, administers, and coordinates the POV Academy for the education of interested participants from the churches of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.
- provides the process by which interested ruling elders become certified to seek a commission to limited pastoral service.
- certifies those ruling elders who complete the Academy and additional requirements, and whose gifts are suitable for commissioning, and endorses such individuals to the Committee on Ministry
- maintains records of those who have been certified as eligible to be commissioned, receives and records their annual continuing education reports, and maintains contact with those who keep their continuing education current.
- provides the process for regular review of certification and provides the process for decertification.

	Present	Proposed	Rationale
Name	Lay Pastor Committee	POV Academy Committee (POVAC)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The term “lay pastor” is no longer in use. • The Academy is now open to all in POV churches.
Purpose	To develop and maintain competent and faithful Elders to serve as Commissioned Lay Pastors to specific congregations within the bounds of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.	To provide opportunities for all participants in POV churches to receive theological education through weekend classes and to provide a process whereby ruling elders become qualified to be commissioned to pastoral service.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Academy is now open to all in POV churches. • The term “commissioned lay pastor” is no longer in use.
Responsibilities of This Committee	This committee administers and coordinates the Lay Academy for education of elders.	This committee promotes, administers, and coordinates the POV Academy for the education of interested participants from the churches of POV.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many participants in our churches want to further their theological education in order to enhance their service within their home church. • In the foreseeable future, there appears to be little demand for ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service. • The new Academy format provides opportunities for continuing education to Academy graduates.
	This committee recruits,	This committee provides the	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This committee accepts

	<p>selects, trains, and mentors elders through the Lay Academy, including those who may be commissioned as lay pastors.</p>	<p>process by which interested ruling elders become certified to seek a commission to limited pastoral service.</p>	<p>and trains all who wish to attend the Academy (as space permits).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selection and mentoring occur later only among those who are interested in and meet the qualifications for commissioning.
	<p>This committee endorses to COM those who complete the Academy and whose gifts are suitable for commissioning.</p>	<p>This committee certifies those ruling elders who complete the Academy and additional requirements, and whose gifts are suitable for commissioning, and endorses such individuals to COM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The act of certification will become more formal and selective than it has been in the past.
	<p>This committee maintains records of those not currently serving, but who are eligible for commissioning together with their ongoing continuing education.</p>	<p>This committee maintains records of those who have been certified as eligible to be commissioned, receives and records their annual continuing education reports, and maintains contact with those who keep their CE current.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presently the committee attempts to maintain contact with all graduates. The majority seem to be completely disinterested.
	<p>This committee coordinates continuing education, mentoring, and transitions of Lay Pastors, working with COM and the Leadership Institute to meet continuing education requirements for ongoing eligibility for service.</p>	<p>(no substitute)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • This function is being done by COM.
<p>(None)</p>		<p>The committee provides the process for regular review of certification and provides the process for decertification.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presently no action is being taken to “decertify” those who do no continuing education or whose gifts are no longer suitable for commissioning. There needs to be a process for doing that.

2. ***That the Presbytery of Ohio Valley adopt the “Policy on Sexual Ethics and Boundaries.”***
APPROVED, as follows:

**PRESBYTERY OF OHIO VALLEY
POLICY ON SEXUAL ETHICS AND BOUNDARIES
PREVENTING AND RESPONDING TO SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

I. PREFACE

Leadership within the Christian community is a privilege and a trust. God intends for the Church to be a safe place for all to encounter God and grow into lives of service and fulfillment. We are called to be a holy community, where we believe and proclaim that all persons are created by God, and in the image of God. Our sexuality is a divine gift, and when rightly expressed leads to the wholeness of life which God intends for all people. Inappropriate sexual behavior distorts the goodness of God's gift of sexuality, is destructive of relationships and is an abuse of power and trust. In setting forth this policy, the Presbytery of Ohio Valley acknowledges the sacred trust to which it has been called, and recommits itself to faithful, joyful service in the name of Jesus Christ.

II. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is:

1. To clarify the parameters of acceptable behavior for persons serving in leadership in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.
2. To safeguard the members, congregants, and staff of the churches of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, the members and staff of the Presbytery, and the people we serve, especially those who are vulnerable, against any form of sexual misconduct, particularly the disciplinary offense of sexual abuse, within the Presbytery of Ohio Valley.
3. To express our commitment to prevent sexual misconduct by creating an atmosphere in our Presbytery where acts of silence, ignorance, and minimization regarding sexual misconduct are overcome by acts of understanding, respect, care, and justice.
4. To obtain justice and compassion in cases that involve reports or written accusations of sexual misconduct within our Presbytery.
5. To promote healing for all persons, congregations, or entities in cases involving sexual misconduct.
6. To ensure the effectiveness of our Presbytery's judicial processes in cases of sexual misconduct so that the truth shall be determined, the rights of due process of those involved shall be honored, wrongdoing shall cease, and all shall be held accountable for their actions.

No part of this policy is to be construed as addressing mutually consensual expressions between married persons. Nor is this policy intended to interfere with single adult persons engaged in social or dating relationships. No part of the policy, likewise, implies the breaching of personal privacy or space. Personal space includes the living quarters of church professionals and others covered by this policy.

This policy is not intended to substitute for civil process in cases of violation of civil law. In particular, the Book of Order mandates the reporting of allegations of some forms of alleged abuse.

III. SCOPE OF APPLICATION

- A. Persons Covered:** The persons covered by this policy include those who serve within the Presbytery of Ohio Valley and are: Teaching Elders, Certified Christian educators, Certified Associate Christian educators, ruling elders commissioned to pastoral service, candidates, inquirers, and supply preachers who are approved by Presbytery, who serve within the Presbytery of Ohio Valley; officers and employees of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley; ministers of other denominations serving in pastoral relationships within the Presbytery of Ohio Valley; seminary students serving in local congregations; and officers and all others, paid or unpaid, serving on Presbytery committees, boards, councils and commissions, and other entities in support of Presbytery programs.
- B. Adaptation for Congregational Use:** The polity of the Presbyterian Church (USA) stipulates that the session is responsible for the mission and government of a particular church. Churches are responsible for the selection and supervision of officers, staff and volunteers engaged in the ministry. The Book of Order (2011-2013) directs that every council shall adopt and implement a sexual misconduct policy (G-3.0106). The Presbytery recommends that each session of its member churches consult denominational resources for the developing and implementing of this directive. (www.pcusa.org/sexualmisconduct). A congregational model for such a policy will be posted on the Presbytery website.

IV. EXPECTATIONS OF THOSE COVERED BY THIS POLICY

All persons covered under this policy:

1. shall exercise responsible sexual behavior and maintain the integrity of employment and professional relationships at all times;
2. shall not engage in sexual misconduct as defined in this policy; (See Definitions)
3. shall deal with allegations of sexual misconduct with seriousness;
4. shall report suspected violations of this policy to the appropriate Presbytery officials;
5. shall maintain confidentiality in recognition of the effects of reported sexual misconduct on the reputation and effectiveness of all involved;
6. shall respect the accused's presumption of innocence;
7. shall comply with all applicable civil and ecclesiastical laws;

V. DEFINITIONS AND STANDARDS

A. Types of Sexual Misconduct

1. *Sexual Misconduct* is the comprehensive term used in this policy to include, but is not limited to, child sexual abuse, sexual abuse of another person, sexual harassment, and production or distribution of pornography, all as more fully defined below.
2. *Child Sexual Abuse* is a subset of conduct falling within the more comprehensive term of "sexual misconduct". It includes, but is not limited to, any contact or interaction between a child and an adult when the child is being used for sexual stimulation. Sexual behavior between a child and an adult is always considered forced whether or not consented to by the child. In the Presbyterian Church (USA), the sexual abuse definition of a child is anyone under age 18. Mutual consent is not possible when one party is a clergy person or professional lay leader in a pastoral, counseling, employer or leadership position within the Church, related organization, or sponsored activity in which the other party is under the age

of eighteen.

3. *Sexual Malfeasance/Harassment* is a subset of conduct falling within the more comprehensive term "sexual misconduct." Unwelcome sexual advances, requests for sexual favors, and other verbal or physical conduct of a sexual nature constitute sexual harassment when any of the following conditions apply:

- a. Submission to such conduct is made either explicitly or implicitly a term or condition of an individual's employment, their continued status in an institution, or their continued participation in activities of the Church;
- b. Submission to or rejection of such conduct is used as the basis for employment decisions affecting such an individual;
- c. Such conduct has the effect of unreasonably interfering with an individual's work performance by creating an intimidating, hostile, or offensive working environment;
- d. An individual is subjected to unwelcome sexual jokes, unwelcome or inappropriate touching, or display of sexual visuals that insult, degrade, and/or sexually exploit men, women, or children.

4. *Use of Pornography as Prohibited in this Policy*

- a. Definition of Pornography: Pornography, as defined by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), includes: any sexually explicit materials (books, magazines, movies, videos, musical lyrics, TV shows, telephone services, live sex acts) produced for the purpose of sexual arousal by eroticizing violence, power, humiliation, abuse, dominance, degradation, or mistreatment of any person, male or female, and usually produced for monetary profit. Any sexually explicit material that depicts children is pornography.
- b. Prohibited Use of Pornography:
 - i. Viewing, storing, transmitting, producing or distributing pornographic material for any purpose on church property and/or with church-owned devices such as, but not limited to, computers or mobile telephones.
 - ii. Accessing, promoting, or pandering pornography on church property and/or with church-owned devices such as, but not limited to computers, mobile telephones or video equipment.
 - iii. Any activity involving child pornography.

B. Additional Standards

1. Dating and/or romantic relationships within the context of one's professional and ministerial role are, by their very nature, problematic. Such relationships compromise the integrity of the ministerial relationship, not only with the other party, but also with the entire congregation. Should a relationship begin to develop between a Church Professional and a congregant or staff member, it is the responsibility of the Church Professional to inform the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk, or the Committee on Ministry Moderator. Failure to initiate this discussion is a violation of this policy. The presbytery official who has been so informed shall inform at least one of the other two named persons. The church professional shall, in addition, be available for counsel and accountability concerning the relationship.
2. It is the responsibility of any person covered by this policy to report sexual misconduct or reasonable suspicion of such misconduct. It is, further, the responsibility of all persons covered by this policy to report to the appropriate civil authority any allegation or reason

to believe that the sexual abuse of a minor has transpired. Failure to make appropriate reports is a violation of this policy.

VI. INTERVENTIONS AND COORDINATION

A. Training of Persons Covered

All persons covered by this policy will be oriented to the policy and will agree to abide by the expectations of this policy. New teaching elder members of presbytery, certified Christian educators, and any person serving in a pastoral relationship will receive an orientation to the policy within three months of the beginning of service, and will be required to attend a more comprehensive training within the first year. In addition, the Presbytery Mission Council will determine the criteria, schedule and means of orientation and training for others covered by this policy.

Renewal of training for teaching elder members of presbytery, certified Christian educators, and any person serving in a pastoral relationship will be required at least every three years. The Stated Clerk shall maintain a record of persons in compliance with the training requirements of this policy, and shall report this annually to both Presbytery and the Committee on Ministry. Failure to comply with the training requirements of this policy may be used by the Commission on Ministry as criteria in making decisions about contracts, changes in terms of call and other decisions.

All members of the congregations of the Presbytery are welcomed and encouraged to access the training offered by the presbytery for this policy.

B. Acknowledgement of Policy

Persons covered by this policy will submit to the Stated Clerk formal acknowledgement that they have received, reviewed and understand the policy.

C. Reporting

Those who have reason to believe that there has been a violation of the policy are encouraged to make a report to the appropriate Presbytery official as outlined below. Persons covered under this policy are required to make such a report.

- 1. Primary Points of Reporting:* The primary points for reporting suspected violations of the sexual misconduct policy are the Executive Presbyter and the Moderator of the Committee on Ministry. When a report is made to either the Executive Presbyter or Committee on Ministry Moderator, that person shall promptly inform the other. If it is not possible or prudent to do so, that person shall inform the Stated Clerk, the moderator of the personnel committee or the moderator of presbytery
- 2. Additional Points for Initial Reporting:* A Teaching Elder or other church officer, a member or Moderator of the Response Team, or other person known to have a formal relationship to the presbytery may be the first person to hear a report of possible violation of this policy. It is the responsibility of any of these persons, or any person covered by this policy, to immediately convey the report to the Executive Presbyter or the Moderator of the Committee on Ministry.

D. Disciplinary / Judicial Process

The Rules of Discipline describes a separate and independent process for dealing with sexual misconduct. That process is initiated when a formal allegation of misconduct is received by the Stated Clerk. In this event, the judicial process of the church will begin immediately. No part of this policy shall be interpreted to substitute for or replace the process of the Rules of Discipline.

E. Response Team

A response team of six members will be elected by the Presbytery Mission Council upon nomination by the Executive Presbyter, Stated Clerk and Committee on Ministry Moderator. The members of this team will serve for a term of three years.

The team will be available to work with all parties involved in issues or allegations of sexual misconduct. The mission of the Response Team is to provide care and support to any persons involved at any level in an allegation of sexual misconduct. The response team's responsibilities are pastoral.

The response team has no investigative function or responsibility.

The response team has the responsibility to report additional issues as they may be revealed.

The response team coordinates with the Committee on Ministry to carry out necessary pastoral care for both individuals and congregations. The Committee on Ministry has a more inclusive mission than the limited goal of pastoral care. Therefore, the Committee on Ministry may define, focus and direct the work of the Response Team as individual cases necessitate.

The response team may discover additional information regarding an allegation of sexual misconduct. Such discoveries are to be reported to the Presbytery Executive, Moderator of the Committee on Ministry. They are not to be investigated by the Response Team.

F. Administrative Leave

Administrative Leave is defined by D-10.0106, and may be indicated in some instances of allegation of sexual misconduct.

The Rules of Discipline mandate a policy for the determination of the need for Administrative Leave. "When a written statement of an alleged offense of sexual abuse toward any person under the age of eighteen, or who it is alleged lacked the mental capacity to consent, has been received against a teaching elder, the stated clerk receiving the allegation shall immediately communicate the allegation to the permanent judicial commission. The moderator of the permanent judicial commission shall within three days designate two members, who may be from the roster of former members of the permanent judicial commission, to determine whether the accused shall be placed on a paid administrative leave during the resolution of the matter."

In other instances, the Executive Presbyter and Committee on Ministry Moderator may also consult with designated members of the permanent judicial commission in the manner described above, to determine the necessity of administrative leave.

G. Revisions to this Policy

Revisions to this policy are to be approved by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley upon recommendation by the Presbytery Mission Council.

Committee on Ministry Report – (Elder Joe Kimmel)

Summary of COM Actions Taken from August 23, 2011 through November 10, 2011

At the November 10, 2011 COM MEETING:

1. Approved the MINUTES of the August 23, 2011 COM meeting.
2. Received the summary of the E-votes since COM meeting of August 23, 2011:
 - A. On September 6, 2011 an e-vote was requested to approve the written Terms of Call for the Bloomfield Church with Rev. Murray Thompson.

Approve Terms of Call for Bloomfield Church with Rev. Murray Thompson, as follows: Cash Salary of \$35,649, use of the manse, Dental Insurance premium of approx. \$675 annually, Accountable Reimbursement of \$360 annually, SECA offset of \$3895.93 and Continuing Education Reimbursement of \$800.	<u>15</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> Abstain
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- B. On September 19, 2011 an e-vote was requested by the Madison Church to approve the formation of a PNC.

Approve Madison Presbyterian Church’s request to establish a PNC.	<u>19</u> YES <u>0</u> NO <u>0</u> Abstain
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3. Accepted the Exit Interview with Veltri Taylor from the Patoka Church.
4. Approved the Dissolution Covenant between the Community Presbyterian Church in Leavenworth and RECPS Greg Gibson.
5. Approved the request from Church of the Covenant of Elizabeth to authorize temporary use of Elders to serve the Sacrament of Holy Communion in that church.
6. Appointed Rev. Mark Robinson as moderator for Leavenworth.

Committee on Preparation on Ministry – (Rev. Monica Gould)

Monica reported that the CPM has had four meetings during the year plus the Annual Consultation Retreat with all seven persons under care. They joyfully dismissed Aaron Flucke to receive his first ordained call and joyfully moved Sarah VanderZee from inquirer to candidate status. Those under care at this juncture are: Inquirers - Krista Philips, Marietta Macy, Martha Lasher, and James C Blankenbeker; Candidates - Margaret Coggin, Garrett Schindler, and Sarah Vander Zee. Members of the CPM are and have been Karen Hahn, Ed McClellan, Mark McDaniel, Mary Jensen, Michelle Bartel, and Paul Kelleher, whose term ends this year and we thank him for his faithful service.

Stated Clerk's Report – Changes in Statistical Report - (Rev. Lawrence Jackman)

Larry reported that a number of changes are being implemented, starting this year, for our year-end reporting to General Assembly. Immediate changes include:

Paper Free Reporting: The filing of the pertinent information to G.A. is now totally an online process. In order to do this, churches will be sent a user id and password for the GA web site where reporting is done. We will be able to print out a copy of the reports to use as a worksheet, from which to electronically file the report. Churches will also receive a number of forms from the Presbytery itself.

Larry invited congregations to contact himself or Stephanie Worden in the Presbytery Office with questions or if help is needed.

Approval of Annual Statistics not Needed Prior to Filing:

A session or congregation does not need to approve the Annual Statistical Report before it is sent to G.A. However, it should be approved before becoming a part of the congregational records.

On Going Issues of Compliance with the Book of Order:

Larry encouraged that each congregation and moderator should be as familiar as possible with the changes made to the Book of Order. For example, the Book of Order now requires that offerings be counted by more than one person or that a person counting alone be bonded. He also reminded that churches must file each year the Business Entity Report to the State. Failure to do so will cause the church to no longer be considered a legal entity in the State of Indiana.

Report of the Executive Presbyter – (Rev. Susan McGhee)

Susan continues to be well-satisfied in her position as Executive Presbyter and is still having fun. She reported that she is giving “us,” the POV, the gift of a cow through the Heifer Project for Christmas this year. (There was a lot of “mooring” about this gift among the body, almost leading to “udder” confusion. Susan regained control of her report after Presbytery “milked” this for all it was worth.)

Seriously, Susan asked us consider how we thought we could make a difference in our communities through our churches in the next year. Rather than focusing on what we don't have, she encouraged us to focus on what we do have and how we can use it for the Lord. She encouraged us to be happy making a difference in and through our congregations in the next year.

Report of the Nominating Committee and Election of Officers - (Rev. Peter Barnes-Davies)

The slate was presented as follows. Nominations were asked for from the floor. There were none and it was m/s/c that nominations cease. The Slate was **APPROVED** as presented, and all those nominated were elected. (* denotes those being nominated for a second term)

POV Moderator: Elder Mike Beaver (Nabb CRE -- SE)

POV Vice-Moderator: Rev. Scott Hill (Corydon -- SE)

Committee on Ministry:

Class of 2014: Rev. Deborah Fortel, Moderator (Honorably Retired)
Rev. Jack Cormack* (Mt. Tabor, New Albany -- SE)
Elder Greg Gibson (Corydon -- SE)
Elder Janet Huber Lowry (Hanover -- SE)
Rev. Boyd Heldring* (First, Petersburg -- SW)
Rev. Wendy Olson (Trinity Parish – NW)
Rev. Alan Finnan (Washington, Westminster -- SW)
Elder Ann Stanley (First, Montezuma -- NW)

Elder Zack Ellison (First, Columbus -- NC)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry:

Class of 2014: Elder Dianne Farrar (First, Columbus – NC)

Lay Pastor Committee:

Class of 2014: Rev. Hana Johnson* (United, Cayuga, -- NW)
Elder Steve Inman (First, Jeffersonville – SE)

Board of Trustees:

Class of 2014: Elder Paul Kelleher (First, Jeffersonville)
Rev. Charles Pye* (Grace, Clarksville – SE)

Regional Coordinators:

Class of 2013: Elder Sharon Kutz-Mellem (Valley City and United, Laconia CRE -- SE)
Elder Alan Harder* (Central, Terre Haute CRE – NW)
Class of 2014: Rev. Kathleen Fox (Newburg – SW)
Rev. Brad Napier* (Brownstown – NC)

Regional Council Members:

Class of 2013: Rev. Wendy McCormick (Center for Congregations – SW)
Elder Carol Miller (Spencer – NW)
Class of 2014: Rev. Michelle Bartel* (Trinity, New Washington -- SE)
Elder Bill Gerhard* (Scipio – NC)

Work Group and Team Moderators:

Mission Partnerships: Rev. Eric Erickson (Honorably Retired)

General Assembly Commissioners:

Principles: Elder Jean Beaver (Madison -- SE)
Rev. Jack Cormack (Mt. Tabor, New Albany -- SE)
Alternates: Elder Warren Ward (First, Columbus)
Rev. Linda Peters (Unity, Terre Haute – NW)
YAAD: Taylon Wilkinson (Corydon – SE)

Synod Commissioners:

Rev. John Erickson (First, Seymour – NC)
Elder Jayne Williams (Unity, Terre Haute – NW)

Ordination Readers:

Principles: Rev. Monica Gould (First, Mt Vernon – SW)
Rev. Mary Jensen (Member at Large)
Alternate: Rev. Anne Marshall (Fairlawn, Columbus – NC)

Permanent Judicial Commission:

Class of 2018: Rev. Mark Olson (Trinity Parish – NW)
Rev. Michael Evanchak (Hemenway Memorial, Boonville – SW)
Elder Luther Pierson (First, Columbus – NC)

PYOCA Advisory Board:

Class of 2014: Elder David Doup (Fairlawn, Columbus)
Rev. Eric Erickson (Honorably Retired)
Rev. Allen Colwell* (St. John, New Albany)

Nominating Committee: Peter Barnes-Davies, Pat Fankhauser, Jack Fenoglio
Kathleen Fox, Phil Newton, Susan Ryan, Norie Erickson (moderator)

Meeting of the Corporation – (Elder Rob Peters)

Elder Rob Peters called the meeting of the Corporation of the Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc. to order. It was m/s/c (Friz-Langer) to sustain the election of the Class of 2014 Trustees as directors of the corporation; Elder Paul Kelleher (First, Jeffersonville) and Rev. Charles Pye* (Grace, Clarksville – SE). The

Officers of the Corporation for 2012 were elected. The officers of the Trustees, were elected as officers of the corporation as follows: President, Elder Rob Peters; Vice-President, Secretary, Elder Jane Gore; and, Treasurer, Elder Jean Brown. There being no other business to come before the Corporation, the Corporation meeting was adjourned.

Installation of Officers – (Rev. Susan McGhee)

Rev. Susan McGhee spoke thankfully and graciously about the outgoing leaders of committees and installed CRE Mike Beavers as the POV Moderator and Rev. Scott Hill as the POV Vice-Moderator for 2012.

New Business

There was no new business for the Assembly to consider.

The Offering of our Gifts and the Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Celebrants were Rev. Alan Finnan and Rev. Cheryl Thorne, with Elder Phyllis Westfall at the piano. Others participating in the Service of the Word were Elder Mike Beavers, Rev. Susan McGhee and the Presbyters of the POV.

Adjournment

The Assembly was adjourned at 3:25 with the closing sentences of prayer led by Moderator Beavers.

Respectfully Submitted,
Rev. Lawrence Jackman, Stated Clerk
Rev. Larry Langer, Recording Clerk