

Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
Stated Assembly Meeting Docket
Wednesday, November 1, 2023
Witherspoon Presbyterian Church

3535 Kessler Blvd, North Drive, Indianapolis, Indiana

(requests for new business to be added to the docket need to be forwarded to Terry Epling, Stated Clerk, either in person or in the chat feature of Zoom prior to 10:30 a.m.)

BUSINESS MEETING

- **Convene and Call to Order** Moderator Muriel Treadwell
 - **Opening Prayer** Moderator Muriel Treadwell
 - **Approval of Docket** Moderator Muriel Treadwell
 - **Welcome** Rev. Winterbourne Harrison-Jones
 - **Seating of Corresponding Members** Executive Presbyter Alan Thames
 - **Announcements**
 - **Presentation from the Presbyterian Foundation** Sherri Fink
 - **Consent Agenda: Including Presbytery Assembly Minutes for Stated Meeting of August 5, 2023 and Called Meeting of September 30, 2023; Financial Report; Reported Actions of Coordinating Council Commission; Commission on Ministry; Commission on Preparation for Ministry; Board of Directors Commission**
- ACTION: Approve Consent Agenda Items**
- **Transitions within the Presbytery** Rev. Gretchen Schneider, COM Moderator

Beginnings:

- Rev. Terry Epling, Head of Staff/Pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bluffton
- Rev. Karen Herbst-Kim, Associate Pastor, Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis
- Rev. Jonathan Reinink, Head of Staff/Pastor, Irvington Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis

Conclusions:

- Rev. Laurie Wolcott, Head of Staff/Pastor for Honorable Retirement from First Presbyterian Church of Grant County in Jonesboro (effective September 30, 2023)

Educational Background:

Taylor University, Upland, IN -- BS

Ball State University, Muncie, IN -- MLS

Butler University, Indianapolis, IN -- MA, Religious Studies

Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, IN -- MDiv

Date of Ordination: March 18, 2012

Congregations Served:

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Marion, pastoral assistant 2005 – 2010

Plymouth United Church of Christ, Dunkirk, IN, licensed UCC pastor 2011

First Presbyterian Church of Grant County, Jonesboro 2012 – 2023

Service to the Larger Church:

Whitewater Valley Presbytery Personnel Committee

Whitewater Valley Coordinating Council

Whitewater Valley Commission on Ministry

- Rev. Taylor Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter of Whitewater Valley Presbytery for Honorable Retirement (effective December 31, 2023)

Educational Background:

University of the Ozarks, Clarksville, AR – BA (English/Speech)

University of Dubuque Theological Seminary, Dubuque, IA - MDiv

Date of Ordination: June 19, 1983

Ministry Settings:

Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO 1983 – 1988

Calvary Third United Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, IN 1988 – 2008

Whitewater Valley Presbytery 2009 – 2023

Service to the Larger Church:

Member, Evangelism Committee of Heartland Presbytery

Commissioner to Synod of Mid-America

Member and Chair, Mission Resources Committee of Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Co-Chair Mission 2000 Campaign, Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Member and Chair, Committee on Ministry of Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Facilitator for Peace, Unity, and Purity Conversations in New Hope Presbytery

Member, Personnel Committee of Synod of Lincoln Trails
Member, Search Committee for Synod Transitional Leader, Synod of Lincoln Trails
Member, Distribution Advisory Committee, Smock Foundation

Ordination Anniversaries:

➤ George F. LaMaster	20 years
➤ Elizabeth (Beth) Wagner	20 years
➤ Jeffrey (Jeff) Jahn	20 years
➤ Nancy Howard	40 years
➤ Teri Thomas	45 years

- **Recommendation from Commission on Ministry to Dissolve Trinity Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne – Rev. Gretchen Schneider, Commission on Ministry Moderator**
 - **ACTION: Approve the Recommendation to Form an Administrative Commission for the Purpose of Dissolving the Congregation of Trinity Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne Composed of the Individuals Named and with the Powers Specified**

- **Ordination Examination for Hannah G. Ostlund, candidate under care of Coastal Carolina Presbytery and the Session of Brownson Memorial Presbyterian Church of Southern Ines, North Carolina for position as Lake Fellow Resident at Second Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis – Rev. Gretchen Schneider, Commission on Ministry Moderator**
 - **ACTION: Arrest the Examination**
 - **ACTION: Sustain the Examination and Approve for Ordination as a Teaching Elder/Minister of Word and Sacrament in a Validated Ministry**

Prayer of Blessing for Hannah G. Ostlund

- **Reports from Coordinating Council**
 - **Finance Committee, Second Read and Approval of 2024 Budgets – Ruling Elder Greg Maiers, Finance Committee Moderator**
ACTION: Approve the 2024 Mission Operations and Mission Focus Units Budgets
 - **Personnel Committee, Presentation of Terry Epling for second term as Stated Clerk – Rev. Trish Lisa, Personnel Committee Moderator**
ACTION: Approve a second term for Terry Epling as Stated Clerk of Whitewater Valley Presbytery

- **Report from the Committee on Representation – Rev. Jerry Deck**
ACTION: Elect Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery
ACTION: Elect Treasurer of the Presbytery
ACTION: Elect General Assembly Commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate
ACTION: Elect the Slate of Officers presented for commissions, committees, and boards of the presbytery

- **Report from the Administrative Commission to Dissolve Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis – Ruling Elder Martha McDonald, AC Clerk**
ACTION: Approve recommendations of the Administrative Commission

- **Report from the Administrative Commission to Dissolve Hope United Presbyterian Church of Plainfield – Ruling Elder Ebbie Crawford, AC Moderator**
ACTION: Approve recommendations of the Administrative Commission

WORSHIP SERVICE

Worship Leaders include:

- Terence Clayton, Witherspoon Presbyterian, Indianapolis, pianist
- Ruling Elder Georgia Dodson, Witherspoon Presbyterian, Indianapolis
- Vivian Husband, Witherspoon Presbyterian, Indianapolis, vocalist
- Rev. Dr. Winterbourne Harrison-Jones, Witherspoon Presbyterian, Indianapolis
- Ruling Elder Kristy Quinn, Irvington Presbyterian, Indianapolis
- Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, Whitewater Valley Presbytery

Prelude

Call to Worship

Leader: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God;

People: And so we are!

Leader: The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now;

People: It does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is.

Leader: And every one who thus hopes in him is purified just as he is pure. (I John 3:1-3)

Unison Prayer of Invocation

Eternal God, you have called us to be members of one body. Join us with those who in all times and places have praised your name, that, with one heart and mind, we may show the unity of

your Church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen. (Presbyterian Service for the Lord's Day and Lectionary for the Christian Year, 1964)

Hymn 611

“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Call to Confession

“This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in God is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with God while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not live according to the truth; but if we walk in the light, as God is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make God a liar, and God's word is not in us.” (I John 1:5-10)

Unison Prayer of Confession

Most merciful and ever-blessed God, we stand in continual need of mercy to overlook our numerous failings, and to pardon our repeated offences. We have sometimes sinned through ignorance; we have more frequently transgressed through carelessness and inattention. If at any time we have offended through presumption, most gracious God, we entreat Thee, for Thy mercy's sake in Jesus Christ, to overlook and pardon these and all our other iniquities. Amen. (Anonymous 18th-century Englishwoman, altered for corporate expression of confession)

Silent Prayers of Confession

Unison Assurance of Pardon Hymn 435

“There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

Prayer for Illumination

O let Thy word be a light unto my feet and a lamp unto my path. When I go, let it lead me. When I sleep, let it keep me. When I awake, let it talk with me. Give me the seeing eye, the hearing ear, the understanding heart. Make Thy word like fire, and like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces. O let Thy word be powerful to kill sin, and to convert our souls unto Thee. In Jesus' name. Amen. (Nathanael Vincent, 1639-1697)

The Proclamation of Scripture

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no person could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and whence have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the

blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God, and serve God day and night with God's temple; and he who sits upon the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water; and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." (Revelation 7:9-17)

When the Son of man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on his glorious throne. Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left. Then the King will say to those at his right hand, "Come, O blessed of the my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and your visited me, I was in prison and you came to me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see thee hungry and feed thee, or thirsty and give thee drink? And when did we see thee a stranger and welcome thee, or naked and clothe thee? And when did we see thee sick or in prison and visit thee?" And the King will answer the, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my sisters or brothers, you did it to me."

Then he will say to those at his left hand, "Depart from me, you cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when did we see thee hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to thee?" Then he will answer them, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it not to one of the least of these, you did it not to me." And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life." (Matthew 25"31-46)

The Proclamation of the Word "The Stakes Have Never Been Higher" Alan Thames

The Proclamation of Our Confessional Heritage

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, a father's house, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents the triumph of God over all that resists his will and disrupts his creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the Church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the Church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

"Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think, to him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen." ("The Confession of 1967, The Fulfillment of Reconciliation 9.54-9.56)

Installation of the Moderator and Vice Moderator

Moderator Muriel Treadwell

Call to Discipleship (responsively)

We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

The great ends of the Church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Charlotte and Jason, the grace bestowed on you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace we are saved, and enable to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways which serve Christ. God has called you to particular service. Show your purpose by answering these questions:

Who is your Lord and Savior?

Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?

I will, with God's help.

Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?

I do.

Will you serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?

I will, with God's help.

Do you, members of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, confirm the call of God to our brother and sister, Charlotte and Jason as Moderator and Vice-Moderator of our presbytery in the service of Jesus Christ?

We do.

Will you support and encourage them in this ministry?

We will.

History of the Moderators' Cross of Whitewater Valley

Installation Prayer

Faithful God, in baptism you claimed us; and by your Holy Spirit you are working in our lives, empowering us to live a life worthy of our calling. We thank you for leading Charlotte Lohrenz and Jason Knapp to this time and place. Establish them in your truth, and guide them by your Holy Spirit, that in your service they may grow in faith, hope, and love and be faithful disciples of Jesus Christ, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever.

Almighty God, in Jesus Christ you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Let your Spirit rule your church, so that we joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.

Installation Charge

Muriel Treadwell

Charlotte and Jason, you are installed to service as the Moderator and Vice-Moderator of Whitewater Valley Presbytery. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through him.

Hymn 374

“O Holy City, Seen of John”

The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Thames, officiants

Rev. Winterbourne Harrison-Jones and Rev. Alan

Invitation to the Table

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Those who come to me will never be hungry, and those who believe in me will never be thirsty. No one who comes to me will I drive away. John 6:35, 37

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Leader: Gracious God, we praise your holy name, giving thanks to you with our lips and our lives. For the power and mystery of your Word by which you created us and called us to yourself, we give you thanks. For the power and mystery of your Word by which you took flesh and

lived among us through your Son, Jesus Christ, we give you thanks. For the power and mystery of your Word by which you choose common people, forming the church to be the body of Christ in the world, we give you thanks. Therefore, with all your faithful people from every time and place we join with the whole creation to lift our hearts in joyful praise.

People: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Faithful God, we offer you our praise and thanks as we return to you these holy gifts of bread and wine. Remembering our Lord's command to take and eat we ponder the mystery of his promise that in this meal we are joined to him and to one another as a holy people uniting heaven and earth. We offer you our praise and thanks for Jesus Christ, who took flesh and lived among us, was baptized for our sins, taught us your way of truth, loved us in our lovelessness and died that we may have life. And now O God, we celebrate with great joy the resurrection of our Lord, his presence with us in this feast, and his promise of a new creation, as we affirm the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Leader: God of grace and power, you invite us to share in mysteries that are beyond our understanding; in simple trust we seek the transforming power of your Spirit on this assembly of your people, on these words and actions, on this bread and wine, in order that, by the miracle of your grace, we may be united to Christ and to one another-- one in body, one in spirit, one in faith. This sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving we offer to you, gracious God, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour, who lives in unity with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, to all eternity. Amen. As our Lord taught us, we now pray:

The Lord's Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing in the Sacrament

Unison Prayer after Communion: We Thank you, O God, That through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son, who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(This Communion Liturgy utilizes elements from the Presbyterian Church in Canada's Book of Common Worship (1991) and the PC(USA)'s Book of Common Worship (2018)

Recognition of Honorable Retirement from the Ministry of Word and Sacrament -- Ruling Elder Kristy Quinn

Leader: Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

People: Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

People: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities.

Leader: Who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

People: who satisfies you with good things,

Leader: And your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

Leader: Alan, you have completed your active service as a minister of the Word and Sacrament. Your sisters and brothers in this presbytery rejoice with you in the evidence of the Holy Spirit in your work. We thank God for your dedicated ministry in the church of Jesus Christ, and we praise God for the grace that has allowed your ministry to touch many lives.

Now we come to mark with you the fulfillment of your calling, as the presbytery confers upon you the status of Honorably Retired. While we know this begins a time of rest and the enjoyment of other callings, we value the experience you have gained and the skills you have acquired throughout your years of ministry. Therefore, we welcome your continued participation in the life of the church, using your gifts in meaningful ways. You remain a colleague in ministry, and we will continue to seek your wisdom and your fellowship.

Together with the whole church, you will find new opportunities to fulfill your baptismal calling, as one marked by the Holy Spirit, a disciple of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bring joy and peace to your life, just as you have blessed the Presbyterian Church with your ministry and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Let us pray:

Unison: Eternal God, through all the years of our lives your love protects and guides us. By your Spirit you call us to varied ministries in the service of Jesus Christ. We praise you for your gifts to your servant Alan, for his faithful proclamation of your Word, his administration of the holy sacraments of Jesus Christ, and his pastoral care and leadership in the church. Grant to Alan time for refreshment and rest, reflection and rejoicing, and the fulness of your peace. Through your Holy Spirit bless each of us that we may remember the love of Jesus Christ which unites us in the service of our Lord. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Hymn 326

“For All the Saints”

Benediction and Charge

Moderator Charlotte Lohrenz

**Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
Stated Assembly Meeting, Saturday, August 5, 2023
MINUTES**

CONVENING THE MEETING**Call to Order**

Whitewater Valley Presbytery met by video conference for a stated meeting on Wednesday, August 5, 2023. The Moderator, Ruling Elder Muriel Treadwell, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. from the Indiana Interchurch Center, Indianapolis.

Opening Prayer

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Adoption of the Docket

The Docket was provided electronically in advance of the meeting. The Moderator called for amendments to the proposed docket. There being no amendments, the docket was approved by consent.

New Business

The Moderator instructed presbyters to submit items of new business to the Stated Clerk by 10:30 a.m. for consideration later in the gathering.

Quorum

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Terry Epling, confirmed that a quorum was present. The attendance report is included at the end of these minutes.

Welcome

The Rev. Alan Thames, Executive Presbyter, welcomed everyone to the gathering. Rev. Thames introduced Rev. Barry Sumner who made an announcement regarding the Hispanic Ministries Lead Team and its planned trip to the Dominican Republic in spring 2024. Rev. Sumner invited congregational participation in the Dorcus Basket program to provide suitcases filled with Vacation Bible School materials to mission communities.

Minutes and Financial Reports

The minutes of the May 3, 2023 stated assembly meeting were provided in advance. There were no amendments to the minutes. The minutes were approved by consent.

All financial reports of the Presbytery for January 1, 2023-May 31, 2023 were provided electronically in advance for information.

Transitions Within the Presbytery

The Rev. Gretchen Schneider, Moderator of the Commission on Ministry, reported on pastoral transitions in the presbytery.

1. Beginnings

- Taekjin (David) Kim, Lake Fellow Resident Pastor, Second Presbyterian, Indianapolis;
- Rev. Wallace Wilson, Stated Supply and Transitional Pastor, Christ Presbyterian, Mc Cordsville.

2. Conclusions

- Rev. John Gable, Honorably Retired from Tabernacle Presbyterian, Indianapolis, effective August 6, 2023;
- Rev. Vernon Farnum, Honorably Retired from Hospital Chaplaincy, effective October 1, 2023.

The Moderator congratulated Rev. Gable and Rev. Farnum on their retirements and led the Presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving for their ministries and blessings on their future endeavors.

3. Ordination Anniversaries (July to September)

Elizabeth Wood	15 years
Barbara Parker	20 years
Ann Pitman	30 years
Janet Dykstra	30 years
Kimberly Olson	30 years
Glen Bell	35 years
Eric Lohe	40 years
James Montgomery	45 years
Patrica Reid	45 years
Wallace Wilson	50 years

Presbyterian Mission Agency

Rev. Thames introduced Lauren Rogers, Ministry Engagement Advisor with the Presbyterian Mission Agency. Ms. Rogers described her role as providing help and support to congregations as a cheerleader and connector to assist with mission goals. She spoke to mission opportunities through the Matthew 25 Initiative. She thanked congregations participating in the four national offerings. She invited the Presbytery to celebrate that 18 Young Adult Volunteers were commissioned in August to mission in the PC(USA).

ACTION ITEMS**Ordination Examination**

Rev. Gretchen Schneider introduced Taekjin (David) Kim, a Certified Candidate under care of New Hope Presbytery. Mr. Kim was presented with a call as Lake Fellow Resident Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. He was examined for membership and goodness of fit by the Commission on Ministry. His statement of faith was distributed electronically with the call papers.

The Moderator opened the floor for examination for ordination and invited Rev. Schneider to ask the first question. There were six questions from the floor.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to arrest the examination. Rev. Schneider escorted Mr. Kim from the room.

The Moderator put the question, shall the examination be sustained and the candidate approved for ordination, and invited discussion. There was no discussion. The motion was approved unanimously by electronic ballot.

Mr. Kim returned to the room and was welcomed with applause and congratulations. Having been approved for ordination he will be ordained by New Hope Presbytery in his home congregation.

Minimum Terms of Call

The Commission on Ministry recommended adoption of Minimum Terms of Call for 2024. The proposed terms were distributed electronically prior to the meeting. There was no discussion of the proposal. The vote was taken electronically and approved without objection. The 2024 Terms of Call as adopted are attached to these minutes following the attendance roll.

2024 Mission Operations Budget – First Reading

Ruling Elder Greg Maiers from the Finance Committee of the Coordinating Council Commission presented the proposed 2024 Mission Operations Budget for a first reading. The proposal had been distributed electronically in advance of the meeting. Mr. Maiers invited questions and responded. The 2024 Mission Operations Budget will come to the November Assembly for adoption.

Other Business

On the recommendation of the Moderator, without dissent, the report of the Administrative Commission to Emmanuel Presbyterian Church was postponed to the November stated assembly.

Special Called Assembly Announced

The Moderator announced that at the request of the Transitional Lead Presbyter Search Committee the Coordinating Council Commission had authorized her to call a special called meeting on Saturday, September 20, 2023, in order to present the nomination of the Search Committee. Information about the time and location of the in-person assembly will be distributed closer to the meeting date.

WORSHIP

There being no further business, the Moderator declared that the meeting would be adjourned with the closing benediction at the end of worship.

The next stated meeting was announced for Wednesday, November 1, 2023.

Worship leadership was provided by the. Rev. Garrett Schindler, the Rev. Marena Vittorio Schindler, the Rev. Max Muska, and the Rev. LydiaGrace Espiritu-Gray. Rev. Espiritu-Gray preached the sermon “Keep it Simple” based on Matthew 25:31-40. The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper was celebrated.

The assembly was adjourned with the close of worship at 11:45 a.m.

Faithfully,
 Rev. Terry L. Epling,
 Stated Clerk
 Whitewater Valley Presbytery

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Name:	Congregation/Ministry:	Role:	
Michelle	Kaitchuck	Muncie, First P.C.	Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner
Cheryl	Plunkett	Indianapolis, Northminster	Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner
Barry	Sumner	Zionsville, Zionsville P.C.	Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner
Mary	Swope	Connersville, First P.C.	Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner
Jennifer	Linville	Noblesville, First P.C.	CRE
Phil	Votaw	Elwood, First P.C.	CRE
Reba	Curtis	Indianapolis, Fairview P.C.	Elder Commissioner
GEORGIA	DODSON	Indianapolis, Witherspoon P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Lynda	Dunlevy	Indianapolis, Irvington P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Debbie	Everett	Indianapolis, Northminster	Elder Commissioner
Darleen	Fox	Greensburg, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Luci	Fultz	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Jerry	Hallett	Indianapolis, Second P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Aileen	Howard	Muncie, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Ross	King	McCordsville, Christ P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Jason	Knapp	Anderson, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Carolyn	Krebs	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Judith	Lovejoy	Greenwood, Greenwood P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Mary	McCord	Portland, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Beth	McGuire	Avon, White Lick P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Patricia	McKinnon	Indianapolis, John Knox P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Jeffrey	Nickloy	Noblesville, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Tonya	Paddock	Liberty, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
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Girtha	Perkins	Indianapolis, Northminster	Elder Commissioner
Marj	Sapp	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Fred	Sess	Connersville, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Virginia	Sheets	Avon, White Lick P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Ron	Snow	Indianapolis, Second P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Patricia	Stone	Shelbyville, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
LYNN	THOMAS	Zionsville, Zionsville P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Muriel	Treadwell	Moderator of Presbytery	Elder Commissioner
Michael	Whitfield	Shelbyville, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Robert	Wistendahl	Indianapolis, John Knox P.C.	Elder Commissioner

Caroli	Wolfe	Anderson, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Janet	DeVries	Other	Honorably Retired
Lyle	Ewing	Other	Honorably Retired
Alice	McDowell	Avon, White Lick P.C.	Honorably Retired
Ann	Pitman	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Honorably Retired
Ronald	Rockey	Other	Honorably Retired
Dan	Hursh	Indianapolis, Tabernacle P.C.	Member-at-large
Glen	Bell	Other	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Kevin	Buchanan	Fort Wayne, Grace P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Mona	Dale	Muncie, Saint Andrew P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Sara	Dorrien-Christians	Indianapolis, Second P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Terry	Epling	Fort Wayne, Trinity P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Rex	Espiritu	Portland, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Vern	Farnum	Other	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Eric	Gale	Noblesville, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Joy	Goehring	Zionsville, Zionsville P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
LydiaGrace			
Quine-Espiritu	Gray	Richmond, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Karen	Herbst-Kim	Indianapolis, Northminster	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Daren	Hofmann	Muncie, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Kemper	Huber	Fishers, New Hope P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Jeffrey	Jahn	Other	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Peter	Jessen	Franklin, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Tricia	Lisa	Indianapolis, Orchard Park P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Mark	Morningstar	Connersville, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Maxwell	Muska	Shelbyville, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
David	Park	Indianapolis, Korean P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Jim	Pfeiffer	Indianapolis, Tabernacle P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Gretchen	Schneider	Shelbyville, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Brian	Shivers	Indianapolis, Northminster	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Alan	Thames	WVP Staff	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Madison	VanVeelen	Indianapolis, Second P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Beth	Wagner	Indianapolis, John Knox P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Maureen	Wilson	Indianapolis, Irvington P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Wally	Wilson	McCordsville, Christ P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Laurie	Wolcott	Jonesboro, First P.C. of Grant Co.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Eric	Herzog	WVP Staff	Presbytery Staff
Dawn	West	WVP Staff	Presbytery Staff
Sandy	Shearer	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Visitor/Guest

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Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY
2024 MINIMUM COMPENSATION

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Minimum Salary and Housing	49,975	50,038	51,336	53,644	56,686
Minium – Manse/Utilities Provided	38,481	38,529	39,529	41,306	43,762
Prior Period Increase/Decrease	1,218	63	1,298	2,308	3,042

The Commission on Ministry requires:

1. A minimum salary plus housing allowance for pastors in the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley \$56,686 for 2024 (increase of \$3,042) **
2. If a manse and utilities are provided for pastor, the minimum cash salary is \$43,762
3. Accountable Plan – Mileage Reimbursement @ the IRS established rate – minimum \$2,800
4. Accountable Plan – Continuing Education Reimbursement – minimum \$,1500 *
5. 4 weeks Paid Vacation including 4 Sunday – 5 weeks/5 Sundays with 15 + years of experience
6. 2 weeks Paid Professional Development Leave
7. Board of Pensions Pastor’s Participation Benefits Plan (installed or contracted Teaching Elders)
8. Optional – Board of Pensions Minister’s Choice Benefits Plan with COM approval (for eligible Commissioned Ruling Elders or those in less than half-time service)
9. Moving Expenses (taxable benefit, if applicable)
10. Family Leave of at least 12 weeks as mandated by General Assembly

*Annual balance is cumulative for up to four (4) years (non-portable)

**Reflects an increase from the prior period

The following information was used to formulate the Minimum Compensation:

- The full-time median salary of PC USA pastors rose 3.5% for the subject reporting period. The Pastor Support Subcommittee of the Commission on Ministry uses 80% of the published median (\$67,100) to set the base compensation minimum for full-time pastors in the presbytery.
- The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (USA) annually tabulates the median and average effective salary information reported to it for minister members of the Benefits Plan who are serving U.S. congregations. The median salary is generally considered more representative than the average salary, since it is less influenced by very high or very low salaries.
- The Pastor Support Subcommittee applies an increase or decrease to the full-time median salary minimum using data provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (www.bls.gov) Consumer Price Index (CPI) – Midwest Urban Report. A 3-year rolling average is applied to the CPD reporting period to offset unusual spikes in the reported average. The data reflects an increase of 5.6% for the subject period.

**Presbytery of Whitewater Valley
Special Called Assembly Meeting,
Saturday, September 30, 2023
MINUTES**

*This meeting was called by the Coordinating Council Commission at the request of the Transitional Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee in order to nominate for election by presbytery a candidate for the position of Transitional Lead Presbyter.
No other business is in order at this gathering.*

CONVENING THE MEETING

Call to Order

Whitewater Valley Presbytery met in-person and by video conference for a special called meeting on Saturday, September 30, 2023. The Moderator, Ruling Elder Muriel Treadwell, called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. from the Indiana Interchurch Center, Indianapolis.

Opening Prayer

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

Adoption of the Docket

The Docket was provided electronically in advance of the meeting. The Moderator called for amendments to the proposed docket. There being no amendments, the docket was approved by consent.

Quorum

The Stated Clerk, Rev. Terry Epling, confirmed that a quorum was present. The attendance report is included at the end of these minutes.

FOR ACTION

Transitional Lead Presbyter Search Committee Report

The Rev. Gracie Paine, co-chair of the Transitional Lead Presbyter Search Committee reported for the committee. She described the committee's process and timeline.

On behalf of the committee, Rev. Payne moved that Presbytery elect the Rev. Erin McGee as Transitional Lead Presbyter effective January 1, 2024 with the terms of call as provided (attached at the end of these minutes), to receive her into membership of the Presbytery, and to dissolve the committee with the thanks of Presbytery.

Rev. Payne introduced Rev. McGee. An introductory biography had been provided electronically. Rev. McGee spoke to her sense of call to the position. The Moderator invited questions of the Presbyter-nominee. Rev. McGee responded to eight questions.

A motion was made to call the question. The motion was seconded. A vote was taken electronically and approved unanimously to call the question. Rev. McGee was escorted from the room.

The Moderator put the question of approving the call and terms of call and receiving Rev. McGee into membership. The vote was taken electronically and approved unanimously.

The Moderator put the question of dissolving the search committee with the thanks of the Presbytery. Presbyters expressed their gratitude that the committee had been thorough and efficient in such a short time. The Rev. Dr. Sara Dingman, Synod Executive, was thanked for resourcing the committee so effectively in its work. The vote was taken electronically and by show of hands in the room. Presbytery voted unanimously to thank and dissolve the committee.

Rev. McGee was invited to return to the Assembly and was received warmly with a round of applause.

The Rev. Darren Hoffman prayed a prayer of thanksgiving for the Presbytery and the call of Rev. McGee as Transitional Lead Presbyter.

Adjournment

There being no other business in order at this special meeting, the Moderator invited a motion to adjourn. A motion was made, seconded, and approved without objection to adjourn the Assembly. The Moderator announced the next stated meeting for November 1, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. and closed the meeting with prayer.

Faithfully,
Rev. Terry L. Epling,
Stated Clerk
Whitewater Valley Presbytery

ATTENDANCE ROLL

Name:	Congregation/Ministry:	Role:
Stephanie Davidsen	Indianapolis, Faith P.C.	Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner
Darleen Fox	Greensburg, First P.C.	Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner
Mary Swope	Connersville, First P.C.	Alternate Ruling Elder Commissioner
Ann Hamel	Indianapolis, John Knox P.C.	Coordinating Council Member
Jenni Heimach	Indianapolis, Northminster	Coordinating Council Member
Lois Steele	Edinburgh, First P.C.	Coordinating Council Member
Muriel Treadwell	Indianapolis, Witherspoon P.C.	Coordinating Council Member
Jill Werling	Fort Wayne, Grace P.C.	Coordinating Council Member
Lisa Crismore	Indianapolis, John Knox P.C.	CRE
Jennifer Linville	Noblesville, First P.C.	CRE
Mary Carter	Indianapolis, John Knox P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Annetta Davis	Avon, White Lick P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Lynda Dunlevy	Indianapolis, Irvington P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Nancy Frick	Indianapolis, Second P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Twila Hengst	Indianapolis, Irvington P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Aileen Howard	Muncie, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Ross King	McCordsville, Christ P.C.	Elder Commissioner

Judith	Lovejoy	Greenwood, Greenwood P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Patty	McKinnon	Indianapolis, John Knox P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Jeff	Nickloy	Noblesville, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Tonya	Paddock	Liberty, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Sharon	Pierce	Zionsville, Zionsville P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Marj	Sapp	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Fred	Sess	Connersville, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Virginia	Sheets	Avon, White Lick P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Ted	Smith	Bluffton, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Michael	Whitfield	Shelbyville, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
Caroli	Wolfe	Anderson, First P.C.	Elder Commissioner
William	Christians	Validated Ministry	Member-at-large
Glen	Bell	Validated Ministry	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Kevin	Boyd	Honorably Retired	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Tyler	Brinks	Indianapolis, Second P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Beau	Brown	Temp. Pastoral Relationship	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Kevin	Buchanan	Fort Wayne, Grace P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Mona	Dale	Muncie, Saint Andrew P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Janet	DeVries	Honorably Retired	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Terry	Epling	Bluffton, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Anne	Epling	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Rex	Espiritu	Portland, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Eric	Gale	Noblesville, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Karel	Hanhart	Honorably Retired	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Robert	Heimach	Honorably Retired	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Chris	Henry	Indianapolis, Second P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Karen	Herbst-Kim	Indianapolis, Northminster	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Daren	Hofmann	Muncie, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Jeffrey	Jahn	Honorably Retired	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Peter	Jessen	Franklin, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Barbara	Kenley	Validated Ministry	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Michael	Lindvall	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Trish	Lisa	Indianapolis, Orchard Park P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Eric	Lohe	Westfield, CrossRoads Church	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Charlotte	Lohrenz	Indianapolis, Faith P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
AJ	Mildenberg	Member at Large	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Deborah	Mitchell	Member at Large	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Ruth	Moore	Avon, White Lick P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Maxwell	Muska	Shelbyville, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
David	Park	Indianapolis, Korean P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Gracie	Payne	Indianapolis, Second P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
James	Riley	Validated Ministry	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Gretchen	Schneider	Shelbyville, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament

Brian	Shivers	Indianapolis, Northminster	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Garrett	Vittorio Schindler	Greensburg, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Marena	Vittorio Schindler	Rushville, First P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Wally	Wilson	McCordsville, Christ P.C.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Laurie	Wolcott	Jonesboro, First P.C. of Grant Co.	Minister of Word and Sacrament
Jon	Reinink	Indianapolis, Irvington P.C.	New Minister of Word and Sacrament
Jim	Riley	Validated Ministry	New Minister of Word and Sacrament
Eric	Herzog	WVP Staff	Presbytery Staff
Dawn	West	WVP Staff	Presbytery Staff
Carla	Beard	Connersville, First P.C.	Visitor/Guest
Sandy	Shearer	Fort Wayne, First P.C.	Visitor/Guest

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**Terms of Call
Transitional Lead Presbyter
Whitewater Valley Presbytery**

The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), being well satisfied with your qualifications for ministry and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as one whose service will be profitable to the spiritual interests of our presbytery and fruitful for the Kingdom of our Lord, earnestly and solemnly calls you, Erin McGee, to undertake the office of Transitional Lead Presbyter of this presbytery, beginning January 1, 2024, promising you in the discharge of your duty all proper support, encouragement, and allegiance in the Lord.

That you may be free to devote yourself full time to this ministry among us, we promise and obligate ourselves to pay the following:

Annual salary (in semi-monthly payments)	\$50,000
Housing allowance.	\$40,000
Effective Salary	\$90,000
Taxable Social security offset (1/2 SECA).....	\$6,885 (7.65% of salary)
Total Compensation	\$96,885

Professional expenses

Automobile expenses.....	up to \$7,500 vouchered at IRS rate
Professional expenses.....	up to \$7,500 vouchered
Continuing education expenses	up to \$2,000 vouchered
(May be accumulated up to 2 years)	

Benefits

BOP Expense.....	\$35,100 (39% of eff. Salary)
Healthcare Reimbursement Acct.	\$2,000
403b Matching Contribution	up to \$2,400 (2.5% of total comp.)
FSA (employee contributions only)	provided

Moving costs.....	up to \$10,000 vouchered
Vacation of (time period).....	5 weeks
Continuing Education (time period).....	2 weeks

and we will pay regularly in advance to the board responsible for benefits a sum equal to that requisite percent of your salary which may be fixed by the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for participation in the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including both pension and medical coverage, or any successor plan approved by the General Assembly, during the time of your being and continuing in the position set forth in this call to this presbytery. We further promise and obligate ourselves to review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation.

This agreement is for a term of three (3) years, after which it will either terminate or be replaced by a new Terms of Call agreement upon the recommendation of the Personnel Committee of Whitewater Valley Presbytery, and the approval of the Assembly of the Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

While we expect a beautiful and fruitful relationship between the Transitional Lead Pastor and Whitewater Valley Presbytery, this agreement may be terminated by either party with 90 days written notice to the other party. If terminated by the Transitional Lead Presbyter, they shall forfeit all claim to compensation beyond the effective date of termination, except for accrued vacation and study leave allowance. If terminated by the presbytery, the effective salary and Board of Pensions membership shall continue for a period of 90 days after the termination date, or until the Transitional Lead Presbyter secures full-time employment, whichever occurs first.

In testimony whereof we have subscribed our names to this agreement.

Transitional Lead Presbyter _____ Date _____

Moderator,
Whitewater Valley Presbytery _____ Date _____

Stated Clerk,
Whitewater Valley Presbytery _____ Date _____

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October 17, 2023 - Council Finance Committee Report

September 2023 Financial Reports

- Mission Operations Ministry Fund
 - Ended the September 2023 period with a fund surplus of \$ 50,121. The surplus balance will be reduced as quarterly fund disbursements are likely to exceed anticipated revenue for the October-December 2023 reporting periods. Additionally, unbudgeted disbursements relating to the hiring of an Executive Presbyter are anticipated (\$15k estimated)
- Mission Focus Units Fund
 - Ended the September 2023 period with a deficit of (\$33,872). Total resources for shared mission below budget (\$42,241). While we anticipate a 4%-6% shortfall in shared mission gifts as compared to the 2023 budget, the current 27% shortfall appears to be partially timing related, as shared mission giving is skewed toward yearend and one of the top five donors has yet to remit their mission pledge for 2023 (\$24k).
 - Presbytery shared mission gift receipts ended the September period 5% below the percentage of shared mission receipts for this period last year.
- Presbytery **unrestricted** net assets total \$573,943 on September 30, 2023.

2024 Presbytery Budgets (2nd Read)

- Mission Operations Budget
 - Net decrease from the first read of the budget (\$1,036). Budget projects a deficit of (\$45,894). [Final EP Terms of Call, computer/software, mileage/prof expense. BOP final healthcare premiums for menu options employees. Insurance adjustment based on other market premium adjustments being realized. Stated Clerk remote office (mileage). Food/meals costs increase. Retired Pastor (participation)]
- Mission Focus Units Budget
 - Shared mission funding is projected to decrease 6.2% (\$9,712) in 2024 as compared to the 2023 forecast. COM (\$1,500) estimated reduction in LeaderWise invoicing, CPM (\$2,000) line-item reduction based on prior period actuals and current number of candidates under care. Budget reflects a deficit of (\$9,139).

Whitewater Valley Presbytery

2023 Per Capita Analysis As of September 30, 2023							
GA (invoice)	GA Received	SOLT (invoice)	SOLT received	WWV (budget)	WWV received	Total per capita	Total Received
119,726	99,370	46,311	38,773	351,793	300,010	510,913	438,152
					9/30/2023	% Received	86%
					9/30/2023	Budget 509,428	Actual 440,177
						% Received	86%

2023 Basic Mission Analysis As of September 30, 2023							
	WWV 2023 Budget	WWV 2023 Received	2023 Budget / Actual				
	155,712	74,543	(81,169)	9/30/2023	% Received		48%
				9/30/2023	Budget 155,712	Actual 81,769	
					% Received		53%

Whitewater Valley Presbytery
Analysis of Res & Invest - Council_ECH
Fund: Mission Operations
January to September 2023

Accounts	YTD Actual	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual	Annual Budget (This Year)	% of Annual Budget Used	YTD Actual (Last Year)
RESOURCES						
MISSION OPERATIONS						
Per Capita-WVP	\$300,010.10	\$263,844.72	\$36,165.38	\$351,793.00	85.28 %	\$310,737.22
Per Capita - G/A & SOLT	\$138,142.40	\$120,090.06	\$18,052.34	\$160,120.00	86.27 %	\$129,439.66
Total MISSION OPERATIONS	\$438,152.50	\$383,934.78	\$54,217.72	\$511,913.00	85.59 %	\$440,176.88
OTHER RESOURCES						
Partnerships	\$8,250.00	\$12,558.06	(\$4,308.06)	\$16,744.00	49.27 %	\$8,250.00
Banking/Investments	\$14,514.90	\$2,999.97	\$11,514.93	\$4,000.00	362.87 %	\$1,812.18
Misc. Resources	\$485.76	\$506.25	(\$20.49)	\$675.00	71.96 %	\$0.00
Total OTHER RESOURCES	\$23,250.66	\$16,064.28	\$7,186.38	\$21,419.00	108.55 %	\$10,062.18
Total RESOURCES	\$461,403.16	\$399,999.06	\$61,404.10	\$533,332.00	86.51 %	\$450,239.06
INVESTMENTS						
Leadership	\$295,114.78	\$296,175.78	\$1,061.00	\$394,901.00	74.73 %	\$278,587.42
Office Services	\$45,157.35	\$41,465.25	(\$3,692.10)	\$55,287.00	81.68 %	\$37,989.55
Reimbursements/Misc. Per Capita	\$18,688.60	\$21,150.00	\$2,461.40	\$28,200.00	66.27 %	\$10,331.56
G/A Per Capita Disbursement	\$89,795.04	\$89,794.53	(\$0.51)	\$119,726.00	75.00 %	\$82,903.37
SOLT Per Capita Disbursement	\$35,261.28	\$34,733.25	(\$528.03)	\$46,311.00	76.14 %	\$23,507.50
Total Per Capita	\$125,056.32	\$124,527.78	(\$528.54)	\$166,037.00	75.32 %	\$106,410.87
Missions Allocations/Transfers	(\$72,734.81)	(\$62,841.78)	\$9,893.03	(\$83,789.00)	86.81 %	(\$70,159.03)
Total INVESTMENTS	\$411,282.24	\$420,477.03	\$9,194.79	\$560,636.00	73.36 %	\$363,160.37
Net Resources/Investments	\$50,120.92	(\$20,477.97)	\$70,598.89	(\$27,304.00)	-183.57 %	\$87,078.69

Whitewater Valley Presbytery
Analysis of Res & Invest - Council_ECH
Fund: Mission Focus Units
January to September 2023

Accounts	YTD Actual	YTD Budget (This Year)	YTD Budget/Actual	Annual Budget (This Year)	% of Annual Budget Used	YTD Actual (Last Year)
RESOURCES						
MISSION FOCUS UNITS						
Basic Mission	\$74,543.00	\$116,784.00	(\$42,241.00)	\$155,712.00	47.87 %	\$81,769.39
Total MISSION FOCUS UNITS	\$74,543.00	\$116,784.00	(\$42,241.00)	\$155,712.00	47.87 %	\$81,769.39
Total RESOURCES	\$74,543.00	\$116,784.00	(\$42,241.00)	\$155,712.00	47.87 %	\$81,769.39
INVESTMENTS						
PRESBYTERY COUNCIL						
COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL						
MISSION & PARTNERSHIP						
Local/Regional Mission						
Camp PYOCA	\$31,000.00	\$23,249.97	(\$7,750.03)	\$31,000.00	100.00 %	\$23,249.97
WNM	\$15,300.00	\$15,300.00	\$0.00	\$20,400.00	75.00 %	\$15,300.00
Hispanic Ministries	\$6,000.03	\$6,000.03	\$0.00	\$8,000.00	75.00 %	\$6,000.03
Total Local/Regional Mission	\$52,300.03	\$44,550.00	(\$7,750.03)	\$59,400.00	88.05 %	\$44,550.00
Domestic/International Mission						
Congo Helping Hands	\$1,777.50	\$1,777.50	\$0.00	\$2,370.00	75.00 %	\$1,777.50
Total Domestic/International Mission	\$1,777.50	\$1,777.50	\$0.00	\$2,370.00	75.00 %	\$1,777.50
Mission Grants	\$0.00	\$8,249.94	\$8,249.94	\$11,000.00	0.00 %	\$5,000.00
Total MISSION & PARTNERSHIP	\$54,077.53	\$54,577.44	\$499.91	\$72,770.00	74.31 %	\$51,327.50
LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT						
Total COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL	\$4,500.00	\$5,625.00	\$1,125.00	\$7,500.00	60.00 %	\$196.25
Total COMMITTEES OF COUNCIL	\$58,577.53	\$60,202.44	\$1,624.91	\$80,270.00	72.98 %	\$51,523.75
MINISTRY SUPPORT						
Committee on Ministry	\$12,471.60	\$13,948.38	\$1,476.78	\$18,598.00	67.06 %	\$9,728.22
Preparation for Ministry	\$1,523.75	\$5,898.78	\$4,375.03	\$7,865.00	19.37 %	\$1,299.78
Total MINISTRY SUPPORT	\$13,995.35	\$19,847.16	\$5,851.81	\$26,463.00	52.89 %	\$11,028.00
Missions Allocations/Transfers	\$35,841.78	\$35,841.78	\$0.00	\$47,789.00	75.00 %	\$34,484.22
Total INVESTMENTS	\$108,414.66	\$118,141.38	\$9,726.72	\$157,522.00	68.83 %	\$97,035.97
Net Resources/Investments	(\$33,871.66)	(\$1,357.38)	(\$32,514.28)	(\$1,810.00)	1871.36 %	(\$15,266.58)

Note: The Report Option to include Open Transactions is selected.

Accounts

ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Cash/Checking		
WVP NBI (Sweep) #9492	\$1,345,940.80	
Related Ministry Checking		
028-10034-000 - CCDC NBI #0707	\$45,049.14	
Amistad PNC #7133	\$57,445.46	
Total Related Ministry Checking	<u>\$102,494.60</u>	
Other Cash	<u>\$197.00</u>	
Total Cash/Checking	<u>\$1,448,632.40</u>	
Savings/Money Markets		
PNC Money Market #XXXX2862	\$16,950.93	
PILP Mission MM #100004	\$452,035.30	
Total Savings/Money Markets	<u>\$468,986.23</u>	
Investments (> 1-year)		
New Covenant Funds (PCUSA)	\$58,726.00	
Vanguard Funds	\$616,689.29	
Presbyterian Foundation	\$13,456.38	
Edward Jones	\$0.30	
Total Investments (> 1-year)	<u>\$688,871.97</u>	
Other Current Assets	<u>\$24,931.00</u>	
Total Current Assets		\$2,631,421.60
Accounts/Notes Receivable		
005-11311-000 - Trinity Ft. Wayne	\$4,326.63	
005-11318-000 - PYOCA Inc Insurance AR	\$15,387.00	
Total Accounts/Notes Receivable		<u>\$19,713.63</u>
Fixed Assets		<u>\$413,565.98</u>
Total ASSETS		<u><u>\$3,064,701.21</u></u>
LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCE, & Restricted Funds		
LIABILITIES		
Current Liabilities		
Payroll Withholding Payable	\$300.00	
Employee HRA/FSA	\$63,975.46	
Other Benefits Payable	\$9,955.82	
Total Current Liabilities		<u>\$74,231.28</u>
Passthrough		<u>\$34,427.30</u>
Amistad Crstiana		<u>\$13,195.32</u>
Other Liabilities		<u>\$1,363,358.07</u>
Total LIABILITIES		<u>\$1,485,211.97</u>
FUND BALANCE		
Unrestricted	\$573,942.52	
Donor Restricted	\$952,282.72	
Permanently Restricted	\$53,264.00	
Total FUND BALANCE		<u>\$1,579,489.24</u>
Total LIABILITIES, FUND BALANCE, & Restricted Funds		<u><u>\$3,064,701.21</u></u>

Mission OPERATIONS Fund-2024 Council Budget 2nd Read Whitewater Valley Presbytery	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 1st Read Budget	2024 +(-) 2023 Budget	2024 Comments/Budget Assumptions
RESOURCES					11,317 Presbytery Adj Membership (-823/7%) @ 98%
Per Capita Partnership					
Per Capita-WVP (\$28.63 '20/'21, 29.50 '22/'23)	361,083	351,792	338,720	(13,072)	2024 Per Capita @ \$30.00 +.50
Per Capita-SOLT (\$3.81 2017-2022)	45,061	44,660	42,255	(2,405)	2024 Per Capita \$3.81 est. no change
Per Capita-G/A (\$8.95 '20, \$8.98 '21/'22)	106,206	115,460	108,688	(6,772)	2024 Per Capita \$9.80 -(.05)
Total Per Capita (\$43.16 2023)	512,350	511,912	489,664	(22,248)	\$43.61 Per Capita 2024 +0.45
Partnerships				-	
Partnerships	16,500	16,744	18,448	1,704	Synod Bookkeeping, Tech Services
Banking/Investments/Misc. Income					
Banking/Investments/Misc.	4,033	4,675	8,175	3,500	Increased interest rates
Total RESOURCES	532,883	533,331	516,287	(17,044)	no change from 1st read
INVESTMENTS IN MINISTRY					
LEADERSHIP					
Executive Staff					
Total Executive Presbyter	141,562	149,521	138,385		Per TOC Approved 09/30/2023
Total Stated Clerk	28,839	30,494	31,993	1,500	5% COLA Per Personnel Committee
Total Executive Staff	170,401	180,015	170,378	(9,636)	
Support Staff					
Total Information Technology	71,386	75,441	78,488	3,046	5% COLA Per Personnel Committee/ (\$5,500) from SOLT
Total Office Assistant	63,717	67,372	70,015	2,643	5% COLA Per Personnel Committee
Total Bookkeeping, Other Support Services/Staffing	68,640	72,072	75,676	3,604	5% COLA Per Personnel Committee (\$12,948) from SOLT
Total Support Staff	203,743	214,886	224,179	9,293	
Bonus Staff	10,000	-	-	-	
TOTAL LEADERSHIP	384,144	394,900	394,557	(343)	\$12,836 decrease from 1st read
PROFESSIONAL/OFFICE/INSURANCE					
Other Professional Services					
Accounting/Other Services					
Total Audit/Other Prof Services	5,989	9,500	14,800	5,300	Change in leadership-Full Compliance Audit
Banking/Investment					
Total Banking/Investment	673	500	750	250	
Total Professional Services	6,662	10,000	15,550	5,550	

Mission OPERATIONS Fund-2024 Council Budget 2nd Read Whitewater Valley Presbytery	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 1st Read Budget	2024 +(-) 2023 Budget	2024 Comments/Budget Assumptions
Office Lease/Operations				-	
Total Office Lease/Maintenance	23,219	23,837	24,733	896	increase based on prior years
Total Office Operations	2,299	3,100	2,600	(500)	
Information Technology				-	
Total Information Technology	6,062	8,750	10,050	1,300	New Hire
Total Communications/Internet	4,498	3,600	3,050	(550)	
Insurance				-	
Total Insurance (GL/Umbrella/WC)	3,500	6,000	6,500	500	Removing Pyoca/Premium increases
PROFESSIONAL/OFFICE/INSURANCE	46,240	55,287	62,483	7,196	\$6,300 increase from 1st read
REIMBURSEMENTS				-	
OGA/Exec/Other Staff				-	
Total General Assembly Meetings	2,000	4,000	4,000	-	
Total EP Reimbursements	5,112	10,500	15,000	4,500	Per 09/30/2023 TOC
Total Other Reimbursements	1,370	2,000	3,000	1,000	
Total GA Meeting/Executive/Other	8,482	16,500	22,000	5,500	
Presbytery/Council				-	
Meetings Travel/Mileage				-	
Total Presbytery/Council/COM	6,820	9,600	8,800	(800)	
Total Meetings Misc. / Supplies	-	200	200	-	
Total Moderator's Office	-	1,250	1,250	-	
Total Presbytery/Council	6,820	11,050	10,250	(800)	
Total Reimbursements	15,302	27,550	32,250	4,700	
Total Other/Memorials/Gifts	215	650	650	-	
TOTAL REIMBURSEMENTS	15,517	28,200	32,900	4,700	\$5,500 increase from 1st read
TOTAL LEADERSHIP/OFFICE/REIMBURSEMENTS	445,901	478,387	489,940	11,553	\$1,036 decrease from 1st read
Per Capita (Pass Thru)					
G/A Per Capita Disbursement	110,813	119,726	112,435	(7,291)	(\$3,747) est. OGA unpaid per capita
SOLT Per Capita Disbursement	47,015	46,311	43,712	(2,599)	(\$1,457) est. SOLT unpaid per capita
Total Per Capita Expense	157,828	166,037	157,235	(8,802)	(\$5,204) est. Total Unpaid Per Capita Expense
TOTAL INVESTMENTS IN OPERATING MINISTRY	603,729	644,424	647,174	2,750	

Mission OPERATIONS Fund-2024 Council Budget 2nd Read Whitewater Valley Presbytery	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 1st Read Budget	2024 +(-) 2023 Budget	2024 Comments/Budget Assumptions
ALLOCATIONS					
Allocation from Mission Focus Units	(45,639)	(47,839)	(48,994)	(1,155)	10% from Mission Focus Units
Allocations from Other Funds	(35,675)	(36,000)	(36,000)	-	3% Other Funds Admin/Services
Total Allocations	(81,314)	(83,839)	(84,994)	(1,155)	
Total INVESTMENTS IN MINISTRY (After Allocations)	522,415	560,586	562,180	1,595	
Net Total Surplus / (Deficit)	10,468	(27,255)	(45,894)	(18,639)	
Estimated Beginning Of Year Fund Balance	106,966	117,434	90,180		
Estimated Resources	532,883	533,331	516,287		
Estimated Investments	522,415	560,586	562,180		
Estimated/End Of Year Fund Balance	117,434	90,180	44,287		Min. Target Balance \$25,000
					Presbytery Per Capita
					2019 = 27.96
					2020 = 28.63 (+.67)
					2021 = 28.63 (no change)
					2022 = 29.50 (+.87)
					2023 = 29.50 (no change)

Mission Focus Units 2024 2nd Read Budget Whitewater Valley Presbytery	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2023 + /(-) 2024 Budget	2024 Comments/Budget Assumptions
RESOURCES					
Basic Mission					
Shared Mission					
Presbytery Basic Mission					80% WVP, 15% PMA, 5% SOLT
Total BASIC MISSION RESOURCES	145,657	155,712	146,000	(9,712)	
INVESTMENTS					
PRESBYTERY COUNCIL					
Presbytery/Council Priorities	-	500	500	-	
Council Leadership Retreat-w/COM	-	2,500	2,500	-	
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT TEAM					
Grants & Scholarships	-	500	500	-	
Program Support	-	1,500	1,500	-	
Church Grants Pulpit Supply	648	1,000	1,000	-	
Youth Triennium	4,500	4,500	4,500	-	
MISSION PARTNERSHIP TEAM					
Hispanic Ministries Lead Team	8,000	8,000	7,600	(400)	5% reduction
Church Grants / Mission Partnerships	10,000	10,000	12,500	2,500	25% increase
Church Grants Technology/Communications	1,000	1,000	1,500	500	50% increase
Pyoca Camp & Conference Center	31,000	31,000	29,450	(1,550)	5% reduction
Westminster Neighborhood Services	20,400	20,400	19,380	(1,020)	5% reduction
Congo Helping Hands	2,370	2,370	2,252	(118)	5% reduction
TOTAL PRESBYTERY COUNCIL	77,918	83,270	83,182	(88)	
COMMISSION ON MINISTRY					
Ministerial Concerns	-	1,000	1,000	-	
Sub Committees/Background Checks	53	200	200	-	
Leader Development	6,236	8,500	7,000	(1,500)	
Emergency Assistance	-	1,000	1,000	-	
Boundaries/Ethics Training	-	250	250	-	
Amistad Cristiana Support (A/C)	7,648	7,648	7,648	-	
TOTAL COMMISSION ON MINISTRY	13,937	18,598	17,098	(1,500)	
COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY					
Preparation for Ministry/Leaderwise	1,365	1,365	1,365	-	
Congregational Candidates Education	-	1,500	1,000	(500)	
Books & Scholarships	-	5,000	3,500	(1,500)	
TOTAL COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION	1,365	7,865	5,865	(2,000)	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS	93,221	109,733	106,145	(3,588)	

Mission Focus Units 2024 2nd Read Budget Whitewater Valley Presbytery	2022 Actual	2023 Budget	2024 Budget	2023 + /(-) 2024 Budget	2024 Comments/Budget Assumptions
MISSION ALLOCATION TO OPERATING MINISTRY					
Offset to Mission Operations Leadership	37,428	37,768	39,456	1,688	
Offset to Mission Operations Office Services	5,301	5,301	6,248	947	
Offset to Mission Operations Reimb./Other	2,910	2,910	3,290	380	
TOTAL MISSION ALLOCATIONS	45,639	45,979	48,994	3,015	
TOTAL INVESTMENTS/ALLOCATIONS	138,860	155,712	155,139	(573)	
Net Excess	6,797	-	(9,139)	(9,139)	

BOY Fund Balance	79,664	86,461	86,461	
Resources	145,657	155,712	146,000	
Investments	138,860	155,712	155,139	
EOY Fund Balance	86,461	86,461	77,322	Target Fund Balance \$50,000

Coordinating Council

1/25/2023

Election of Michael Lindvall to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Coordinating Council. Motion to approve Trish Lisa. Seconded Muriel Treadwell. Approved.

Election of Eric Herzog to serve as Recording Clerk of the Coordinating Council. Motion to approve Wally Wilson. Seconded Michael Lindvall. Approved.

Nomination of Ted Smith, Elder, First PC Bluffton to the Presbytery Assembly to serve on the Committee on Representation. Motion to approve Liz Kaznak-Hall. Seconded Chuck Hanhart. Approved.

Reviewed the 2023 proposed budget for Circle City Dinner Church (recommended by CCDC Advisory Committee). Jenni, Alan, and Reba provided additional background about the CCDC ministry. Motion to approve Chuck Hanhart. Seconded Sharon Pierce. Approved.

The Coordinating Council discussed the proposed amendments to the Constitution of the PCUSA to be presented to the Assembly for a vote. Motion by Michael Lindvall to include 32 of the Amendments in an Omnibus Motion for vote at the February 4 Assembly meeting, with further discussion and debate at the May 3 Assembly meeting on amendments: 22-D Changing Honorably Retired to Retired; 22-E Receiving new immigrant pastors; 22-I Adding 12 weeks paid family leave to terms of call; 22-P All Councils adopt and implement policies for sexual misconduct, harassment, child/youth protection, antiracism; 22-CC through 22-GG related to Rules of Discipline and new Church Discipline section. Seconded Liz Kaznak-Hall. Approved.

Motion by Michael Lindvall to approve a change to the Council Meeting scheduled for April 26 to April 12. Seconded Jill Werling. Approved.

4/12/2023

Motion by Sharon Pierce to receive the Statistical Report as presented by the Stated Clerk, Terri Epling. Second Muriel Treadwell. Approved.

The 2022 yearend financial reports were presented by the Finance Committee to the Coordinating Council. Approved by consensus.

Alan Thames reviewed the Presbytery Assembly docket for May 3, 2023. A discussion ensued regarding the presentation of the Proposed Amendments to the Constitution of the PC USA at the Assembly meeting including the discussion timeline, presentation format, discussions protocol and the approval process. Motion by Carrie Weinbrenner to recommend the Voting Protocol to the Presbytery Assembly. Second Dawn Whitfield. Approved.

4/26/2023

Personnel Committee

Trish Lisa presented the Personnel Committee recommended Transitional Lead Pastor position description as provided to the Coordinating Council at the previous meeting. Trish pointed out the addition in responsibilities adding the staffing of the Presbytery Board of Directors. The Personnel Committee did consider other items, including educational requirements, however, a consensus was not reached to make additional changes to the position description.

Motion to approve the Transitional Lead Pastor position description Vern Farnum. Approved

Community Engagement Report

Jenni reviewed a budget for the mental health event to be held in May 2023 at Orchard Park Presbyterian. Eric reviewed funding availability with Council. A discussion ensued on the use of budgeted funds and designated funds. Motion by Carrie to fund the event with 50% Community Engagement budget and 50% from the (accrued) Youth Triennium balance. Second Murial. Approved.

5/24/2023

Jenni requested that Mike Whitfield from the Presbytery Search Committee review the Ministry Information Form (MIF) with the Coordinating Council. Mike requested focus and input on four narrative questions included on the form. A discussion ensued regarding specific form content, terminology, and the inclusion of minority candidates.

Members of the Coordinating Council requested the Search Committee include a concise statement of welcome and encouragement be included for minority candidates. Additional suggestions for language additions and changes in the MIF were discussed with the Search Committee by Coordinating Council members. Motion to approve the Ministry Information Form by Vern Farnum (pending inclusion of the changes discussed). Second Lois Steele. Approved.

7/30/2023

Old Business Approval of the meeting minutes from April 12, 2023; April 26, 2023, and May 24, 2023. Motion to approve Sharon, Seconded Chuck. Approved.

New Business Alan reviewed the Presbytery Assembly Docket for Saturday, August 5, 2023 Eric presented the Proposed 2024 Mission Operations Budget ACTION: Approve forwarding Proposed 2024 Mission Operations Budget to Presbytery Assembly for First Read on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Motion to approve Liz, Seconded Sharon, Approved.

Alan reviewed a proposal for Flourishing Congregations "Churches at a Crossroads" program in collaboration with the Presbyteries of Ohio Valley and Wabash Valley ACTION: Approve \$1500 from Missional Transformation funds for the purpose of sharing the initial costs of the pilot project for "Churches at a Crossroads." Motion to approve Sharon, Seconded Chuck. Approved.

Committee and Work Group Reports Personnel Committee – Trish Lisa ACTION: Motion by Trish to approve a Sabbatical of 8- weeks for Criag Shaw. Seconded Jill. Approved.

9/7/2023

As you may remember, we have a special called Presbytery Assembly meeting on September 30 at 10 am to meet and nominate for election our new Transitional Lead Presbyter. This meeting will be held at Krannert Hall at the presbytery office building. We hope to get as many people as possible in person to meet our new Lead Presbyter but if you are not able or not feeling well, please join us virtually. This meeting was called by the Council at the request of the Transitional Lead Presbyter Nominating Committee in order to nominate for election by presbytery a candidate for the position of Transitional Lead Presbyter. No other business is in order at this gathering. Our clerk, Terry Epling, and Moderator, Muriel Treadwell, have sent me the docket for this assembly. We are going to need to approve the docket via email today. May I have a motion to approve the attached docket? Motion to approve Carrie Winebrenner, seconded by Maxwell Muska Approved.

COM

1/25/2023

Consent Agenda

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, COM approved by consent the following contracts for pastoral services:

1. Rev. Mark Morningstar and First, Connersville

COM approved the contract between the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Connersville, and the Reverend Mark Morningstar for the purpose of providing part-time (20 hours per week), temporary pastoral services beginning on March 1, 2023 for a period of one year, renewable upon agreement of the pastor, session, and COM. Compensation includes an annual salary of \$28,622.00, Board of Pensions dues (Minister's Choice) of \$2,862.00, auto allowance reimbursed up to \$1,400., and Professional Development of \$750 (cumulative to \$1000), 2 weeks of Study Leave, and 5 weeks of Vacation.

2. Beth Wagner Contract with John Knox

COM approved the contract between the Session of John Knox Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, and the Rev. M. Elizabeth Wagner for the purpose of providing full-time interim pastoral services beginning October 27, 2022, for a period of one year, renewable upon agreement of the pastor, session, and COM. Compensation includes an annual salary of \$42,000, housing of \$37,100, and taxable SECA offset of \$6,082. Board of Pensions dues at \$29,250. Reimbursable professional development of \$2,750, and auto allowance up to \$3,000. Five weeks of vacation and two weeks for professional development.

Orientation for New Members – Liaisons from COM to Congregations

Rev. Thames encouraged COM members to familiarize themselves with the congregations they are assigned to as liaisons and to reach out to pastoral leaders there at least twice a year and the clerks of sessions at least once a year. The liaison workbook will be distributed electronically.

Candidate Interview

COM welcomed Mr. Maxwell Michaels, a Certified Candidate under care of Western North Carolina Presbytery (WNCP). The CPM of WNCP has certified him ready

for examination for ordination pending a call. Mr. Michaels received a call from First Presbytery Church, Fort Wayne, to its Resident Pastor position. He came to COM for examination for membership, pending successful trials of ordination at the February 4, 2023 Presbytery Assembly.

The Rev. Dr. Anne Epling, Pastor/Head of Staff of First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, spoke about the Resident Pastor program and Mr. Michaels goals and experiences in the program.

Mr. Michaels addressed eight questions from the commission related to his faith and theological understanding, professional development and goals, and self-care.

A motion was made and seconded to approve Maxwell Michaels for examination for ordination on February 4, 2023, and recommend that upon approval of ordination presbytery authorize Western North Carolina Presbytery to ordain Mr. Michaels on behalf of Whitewater Valley Presbytery. The motion was approved.

3/1/2023

Consent Agenda

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, COM approved by consent the minutes of its prior meeting on January 25, 2023.

Candidate Interview

COM welcomed the Rev. Terri Thorn and the Designated Associate Pastor Nominating Committee (DAPNC) members from Tabernacle Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. The DAPNC will recommend that the congregation call Rev. Thorn to the position. The terms of call will be distributed to the commission by email when they are complete.

The Rev. Dr. John Gable, Pastor/Head of Staff of Tabernacle, attended the meeting via Zoom video conference.

The DAPNC spoke to its process and sense of call to the Rev. Thorn and responded to questions from the commission. Rev. Thorn addressed her sense of call and also responded to questions.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the call, pending affirmative vote of the congregation on a meeting date to be determined by the session. The motion was approved.

The Rev. Ruth Moore prayed a prayer of thanksgiving. Commissioners congratulated the DAPNC members and Rev. Thorn and thanked them for their faithful discernment leading to the call.

3/29/2023

4/19/2023

Consent Agenda

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, COM approved by consent the minutes of its prior meeting on March 29, 2023.

Transition Team

The Transition Team recommended approval of the Honorable Retirement of the Rev. L. Vern Farnum effective October 1, 2023. The recommendation was approved by consent.

- **Hartford City** **Scott Shockley / Grethen Schneider**
COM approved the dissolution of the pastoral relationship between First Presbyterian Church, Hartford City, the and Rev. Maria Rutland effective March 9, 2023, with a severance agreement in effect until May 9, 2023.

5/31/2023

Consent Agenda

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, COM approved by consent the minutes of its prior meeting on April 19, 2023, with amendments to the roll, and approved by consent enrolling the Rev. Lucia Hutchison (Wabash Valley) as Covenant Pastor for a three-year term at Clayton Presbyterian Church.

Candidate Interview

COM welcomed the Rev. Wally Wilson and the Temporary Pastor Search Committee members from Christ Presbyterian Church, McCordsville. The committee will recommend that the session enter into a contract with Rev. Wilson for the position for part-time service (19 hours per week) for six (6) months.

The committee spoke to its process and responded to questions from the commission. Rev. Wilson addressed his sense of call and also responded to questions.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the call, pending affirmative vote of the session. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved.

COM joined the committee and Rev. Wilson in a prayer of thanksgiving. Commissioners congratulated the committee members and Rev. Wilson and thanked them for their faithful discernment leading to the pastoral relationship.

Orientation for New Members – Mission Insite

The commission met via Zoom with Kris Andrews from Mission Insite to determine whether it is a useful tool in assisting congregations with mission studies and pastoral searches. Commissioners asked specifically what it is used for and about pricing plans. Mr. Andrews responded to questions. The services of Mission Insite have been utilized by the Rev. Deb Mitchell as she works with sessions constructing mission studies and Ministry Information Forms.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to set aside \$5,000 for up to eight (8) pilot projects in congregations within the presbytery needing short-term Mission Insite subscriptions and assistance, and report back to COM on the effectiveness of the service and its usefulness to the process.

6/28/2023

Consent Agenda

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, COM approved by consent the honorable retirement of the Rev. John Gable, effective [August 7, 2023], and the renewal of the Interim Pastor contract between the Rev. Kemper Huber and New Hope Presbyterian Church.

Candidate Interview

COM welcomed certified candidate Taekjin (David) Kim, a Lake Fellow at Second Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, under care of New Hope Presbytery. Mr. Kim requested examination for ordination to the validated ministry. The commission interviewed him and the Rev. Chris Henry, Pastor of Second Presbyterian Church. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize David Kim's examination for ordination at the next stated assembly of presbytery on Saturday, August 5, 2023, and to request that, pending successful trials of ordination, New Hope Presbytery ordain him behalf of Whitewater Valley Presbytery.

Approval of Call

COM welcomed the DPNC from First Presbyterian Church, Bluffton. The DPNC requested permission to recommend that the session call a congregational meeting to extend a call to the Rev. Terry Epling as full-time designated pastor for a three year term. The commission discussed the search process and call with the DPNC and Rev. Epling.

A motion was made, seconded, and approved to approve the call, pending the concurrence of the congregation, effective August 15, 2023, and to dissolve the call of the Rev. Epling to Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, pending session concurrence, effective August 13, 2023.

COM Team Reports
MIF/MDP Approved

The Transition Team recommended and COM approved the MIF/MDP for John Knox Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis.

Pastoral Leave Policies

The Pastoral Support Team recommended and COM approved the development of a template for new Pastoral Leave policies to assist sessions to comply with the recently approved constitutional amendment.

7/26/2023

Consent Agenda

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, COM approved by consent the minutes of its prior meetings on May 31, 2023, and June 28, 2023.

The terms of call for Terry Epling as Designated Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Bluffton, were reviewed and approved by consent.

Salary	\$40,481
Housing	\$20,000
Total Effective Salary	\$60,481
SECA	\$4,628
Board of Pensions	\$25,392.91
Auto Reimbursement	\$2,800
Professional Exp.	\$3,500
Books & Journals	\$500
Vacation	5 weeks with 5 Sundays
Professional Development	2 Weeks (cumulative up to 8 weeks)

The COM approved by consent the request for Honorable Retirement for Rev. Laurie Wolcott, effective September 30, 2023 and the request for Honorable Retirement for Rev. Vern Farnum, effective October 1, 2023.

Candidate Interview

COM welcomed the Rev. Jon Reinink and the Pastor Nominating Committee of Irvington Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis. The committee will recommend that the congregation call Rev. Reinink as Pastor effective September 7, 2023, if the way is clear.

The PNC spoke to its process and responded to questions from the commission. Rev. Reinink addressed his sense of call and also responded to questions.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the call, pending the affirmative vote of the congregation. There was no further discussion. The motion was approved.

The PNC and Rev. Reinink joined the commission in a prayer of thanksgiving. Commissioners congratulated the committee members and Rev. Reinink and thanked them for their faithful discernment leading to the pastoral relationship.

8/30/2023

Consent Agenda

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, COM approved by consent the minutes of its prior meeting on July 26, 2023.

COM approved by consent the commission to install the Rev. Marena Vittorio Schindler and the Rev. Garrett Vittorio Schindler as Co-Pastors of First Presbyterian Church, Greensburg, Indiana, on November 12, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. with the following commissioners: Ruling Elder Jeff Lineourt (First, Greensburg), Ruling Elder Tutti Martz (First, Rushville), Teaching Elder Gretchen Schneider, Teaching Elder Shannon Buford.

Candidate Interview

COM welcomed the Rev. Wes Rediger (UMC), and Ruling Elder Dan Borgenheimer, a member of the session of First Presbyterian Church, Hartford City. The

session seeks to employ Rev. Rediger as Bridge Pastor, if the way is clear. Rev. Rediger has served the congregation in the past as a temporary pastor.

The session representative spoke to its process and responded to questions from the commission. Rev. Rediger addressed his sense of call and also responded to questions.

A motion was made and seconded to approve the contract effective November 1, 2023, pending the concurrence of the session. Following discussion, the motion was approved.

The Rev. Laurie Wolcott will continue as Moderator of Session.

The Rev. Jan DeVries led the commission in a prayer of thanksgiving.

Fort Wayne – Grace

Lyle Ewing – mission study submitted for approval

M/S/Approved

Amistad, Fort Wayne

The Administrative Commission to Amistad, Fort Wayne, sought permission to explore ecumenical partnerships with the United Church of Christ and the Christian Church Disciples of Christ. Should those partnerships develop the UCC and Disciples would provide leadership and funding support to the commission. A motion was made, seconded and approved to authorize the pursuit of these partnerships.

9/27/2023

Consent Agenda

Minutes

On the recommendation of the Executive Committee, COM approved by consent the minutes of its prior meeting on August 30, 2023.

Pastor Emerita

At the request of the session of Northminster Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, COM approved by consent the designation of the Rev. Teri Thomas as Pastor Emerita.

Change in Terms of Call

At the request of the Rev. LydiaGrace Espiritu Gray and the Session of First Presbyterian Church, Richmond, COM approved by consent a change in terms of call amending the duties of the pastor from full-time to three-quarters ($\frac{3}{4}$) time. The session notified the COM that the manse can no longer be occupied due to toxic conditions. The pastor has relocated and will designate a housing allowance after consulting a tax advisor.

5/22/2023

CRE Update: CPM will not be approving candidates, but will provide information on the multiple paths available. Alan and Maureen summarized others interested in this work: Kristen Lehr, Bart Ost, Patty McKinnon. CPM will still provide a liaison and mentoring ministry, ensure completion of Leaderwise, etc. COM will still have a role in approving them for commissioning and placement if that is needed depending upon their ministerial aim. Commissioning for a CRE is only for a single place on a three year basis. The educational requirements for potential CREs would have to be similar to the framework of the Wabash Valley program, if the candidate chooses another training path.

Meeting with Sandy Garcia (SG): Now under care of First Ft. Wayne and she has a liaison from there, Luci Foltz, clerk of Session; finished her first semester at CT with 3.95, voted as M.Div. rep on Student Council, assistant at the Chapel. SG named her past and upcoming course and is starting supervised ministry in fall at Trinity Pres. SG learns through working through the discomfort of new situations; doing pulpit supply; learning from Martin (spouse) and other ministers in the area; She has applied for support from Beamer Scholarship at First FW, applied for renewal of a PCUSA scholarship, and is applying through CTS but has not yet heard results. Maureen gave her the information for the Joan Malick Scholarship at Second. CPM approved her as an Inquirer today and Alice McDowell is assigned as liaison.

9/11/2023

Interview with Ian Clark (via zoom): Ian introduced himself and presented his call story, being very much rooted in his church since birth. His ministry experience is mainly in teaching pre-school (his college major was elementary education) and he has a strong interest in the arts, especially music. Ian said "I have listened to my internal direction and placed myself in a place to respond." He started seminary in Austin just days ago, and responded to questions about his studies (he loves seminary and his professors) and his self care practices. He also spoke of how he is organizing his schedule and how music is a vital part of his self care and every day centeredness. Ian also took a position at a Lutheran Church in Austin as part of how he is finding spiritual nourishment.

Brian Schivers (Northminster Pastor) and Jeff Schmahl (Session liaison for Ian) spoke very positively about Ian's call and the positive effect upon the Session and congregation of his pursuit of the ministry.

Ian was dismissed and the CPM discussed his call and enthusiastically voted to welcome him as an Inquirer under Care. Ian was welcomed back to the meeting and told of the decision. He received this news with gratitude and Roslynn, who will act as his CPM liaison, prayed for him.

Check ins: We all listened attentively and empathically as all CPM members checked in and shared the challenges and blessings of their personal and professional lives.

Board of Directors

2/16/2023

2022 Finance Review (auditor section) – Motion to approve engagement with Comer Nowling for Financial Review. Phil moved and Girtha seconded. MOTION passed.

4/27/23

Church PILP Designations/Investments – All churches with investor funds loans are earning a 1% interest rebate. Spoke with PILP about diverting about \$500,000 to higher yield investments. PILP is offering WWVP 3.25% on a 15-month investment. Discussion ensued to keep funding with PILP or move to commercial account (i.e., Vanguard). Phil motion to move \$200k to Vanguard Money Market, and the balance not needed to fund church interest rebates to the PILP 15-month offering. Second Shawn. Approved. New Business Eric reviewed Zionsville PC request for permission to encumber the church property with a 3 million loan as part of a 13-million-dollar expansion / renovations. All documents requested by the BOD with an encumbrance request and commercial loan have been received and are in order. Pledges and cash on hand cover roughly one-half of the total project. Additional pledges may be received. Motion to approve by Phil. Second Shawn. Approved.

Alan provided an update on the PYOCA property transfer –working on this and DNR to approve an easement they must have to move forward with the property transfer. Judy Woods (Presbytery's counsel) and David Frangos (PYOCA counsel) are working on this and waiting on DNR response. 2 Whitewater Valley Presbytery Board of Directors Minutes Sam opened a discussion on Witherspoon PC – Michigan Road. PILP has conditionally approved renovation loan of \$500k. With cash on hand/pledges it will allow the church to move forward with renovations. Witherspoon PC requests that the presbytery transfer Kessler Blvd property to Witherspoon and simultaneously Witherspoon transfers Michigan Road to the presbytery. Motion to approve property(s) deed transfer by Phil with a Transition Agreement with Witherspoon to ensure the Michigan Road property condition is maintained in a good condition for sale purposes. Second Girtha. Approved.

7/27/2023

PYOCA property transfer agreement – Judy Woods A. Transfer of the property to PYOCA Agreement with Department of Natural Resources (DNR). DNR has not signed off on the transfer yet; they have first right of refusal on the PYOCA property. Presbytery signed an easement agreement with DNR in three parts that refer to three parcels PYOCA is built on. This was for flood control purposes. It also says if the Presbytery ceases to own the property, the title would

switch immediately to DNR. Judy has negotiated a plan with DNR which does not need the governor's signature (as long as the only transfers are between the Presbytery and the new PYOCA board (PCRC).) If the new board should fail in the future, the property will revert back to the Presbytery to prevent being taken over by DNR. Paragraph 6 and 7: at closing all the deeds will have a reversionary clause. The property cannot be sold to any other entity. Judy would prefer to have the governor's signature, but will get a letter from DNR saying the agreement is fully binding on them. It is possible that a future State administration could view the agreement differently. Review by DNR will take 6 months (if the governor's signature were needed, it would take a year.) Paragraph 4: No cash will be exchanged with the property transfer, but there are considerations: a. Keeping the property in good condition at all times. Reporting could be made part of the granting of any Presbytery mission funds to PCRC. Presbytery does not have the right to an annual inspection. There are some protections: they can't dispose of any real property without Presbytery's authorization. WWVP and OVP will continue to have members on the board. b. Using the property in accordance with its past use with Presbyterian values. It will not be a Christian, Presbyterian, or religious camp. c. Indemnify and hold harmless the Presbytery from any legal claims, even if the Presbytery is named as a party of a future lawsuit. PCRC must report insurance coverage to Presbytery which is an "additionally insured." d. Reconvey the property to the Presbytery in accordance with the deed, in the event of any default by PCRC. B. Presbyterian churches that continue to use the camp, must be made aware that the Presbytery no longer owns the camp and that the new PCRC has its own legal coverages and policies, specifically policies concerning sexual misconduct, how staff are trained, etc. This will now be done outside of Presbytery policies and procedures. Motion to approve the transfer document and authorize Presbytery's attorneys to execute and finalize the documents and its exhibits for closing / transfer of the property from WWV.

First Presbyterian Church in New Castle was the organizing congregation for Westminster Community Center. It was spun off into its own non-profit. The property they are in is no longer suitable for their mission. That property has a reversionary clause in its deed, which would return the property to the Presbytery. Presbytery has done a property search to make sure there is no derogatory encumbrances that would keep the Presbytery from taking the property back. The director has asked to be given until the end of September to wrap up final operations. A motion to engage a broker, Dan O'Neil, to list the property. Alan and Eric will determine the correct timing for the listing, based on the request of the center director. Motion was made by Shawn and Bob seconded. MOTION passed.

10/19/2023

Michigan Road Property Sale Proceeds

Two components: Allocation of sale funds of Michigan Road; recommendation to Presbytery of the use of Presbytery's share. Sam and Eric shared a financial analysis that included an income / expense report and projection (for future costs and revenue). Witherspoon has drawn \$350,000 of \$500,000 loan. The bottom line is that Witherspoon would receive \$1.1 million and could decide for themselves how to address the PILP debt. BOD would advise that they pay off the PILP loan immediately. BOD would also advise that Witherspoon create an investment policy for investment of the net balance. For example, Presbytery could partner with Witherspoon in creating an endowment. But the BOD should not dictate to Witherspoon what to do, but we should offer them resources for investments to consider. Shawn moved that 1) the analysis and remuneration of \$1.1 million to Witherspoon, 2) with the recommendation to retire the PILP loan as quickly as possible, and 3) that Presbytery stands available to help with resources for future investment vehicles that Witherspoon could take advantage of, be adopted. Sam seconded. MOTION passed.

The Presbytery should define an investment policy for the approximately \$1 million it will receive from this sale. Sam suggested putting out an RFP to New Covenant Trust Company (through PC(USA)) to put together an investment plan / portfolio for WWV Presbytery, based on their investment goals and target income stream. Most private investment companies do not handle portfolios this small, but Doug and Sam will investigate other companies who might respond to an RFP, e.g., Diamond Capitol of National Bank of Indianapolis, which Fairview uses for their similarly sized portfolio. Sam and Doug will report back at the end of November and give a recommendation for proposed action.

Charge to the Administrative Commission

For the Dissolution of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne, Indiana

By the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley

INTRODUCTION & BACKGROUND

The Trinity Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, through its Session, have been in discernment and conversation for several months regarding the future of the congregation. The Session and church representatives have met with and sought the counsel of the Commission on Ministry's liaison and the Executive Presbyter. As the discernment continued, the Session from Trinity Presbyterian concluded that their season as a congregation had come to a close.

At a congregational meeting October 22, 2023 the Trinity Presbyterian congregation voted to hold their final worship and that their ministry would be complete.

In matters of dissolving a congregation, the attitude of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, from beginning to end, shall always be pastoral.

AUTHORITY

The responsibility and power to dissolve a congregation is granted to Presbytery by the Book of Order.

The COM believes the procedural dissolution of a congregation is best accomplished through an Administrative Commission. Therefore, the Commission on Ministry, in consultation with the Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk, recommend approval of the following resolution:

RESOLVED: For the purpose of dissolving the Trinity Presbyterian Church of Fort Wayne, Indiana, the Whitewater Valley Presbytery appoints an Administrative Commission to act on Presbytery's behalf, effective November 1, 2023 with the following powers and functions for the purpose of dissolving the congregation in a timeframe required to complete the work:

- meet and consult with the former Session members to facilitate the work of the Commission;
- to arrange for the pastoral care of the members;
- to publicize the dissolution of the congregation;
- to ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the congregation, secure the Session records, secure the legal rights to all property (real or personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation;
- to dispose of the moveable personal property of the congregation, secure the building and property, attend to matters of insurance, dispose of the building and grounds (subject to the approval and/or concurrence by the Board of Directors) or convey the building and grounds to The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, Inc.;
- to recommend to the Presbytery the use of the assets of the congregation;
- to assure that a Service of Witness is conducted and to participate in that service;

- to secure the assistance of other individuals, as appropriate, to assist with its work, and generally to do such things and take such actions for, in the name of, and on behalf of Whitewater Valley Presbytery as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution;
- at the conclusion of its work, the report and recommendations of the Administrative Commission will be presented, when appropriate, to the Presbytery Assembly for action.

MEMBERS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION.

- Rev. Lyle Ewing, Honorably Retired and Moderator of Trinity Presbyterian Session
- Ruling Elder Charles Hill, United Faith Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne
- Rev. Deb Mitchell, Pastor-at-large
- Ruling Elder DeWayne Reed, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne
- Ruling Elder Marj Sapp, First Presbyterian Church, Fort Wayne
- Rev. Hal Thomas, Honorably Retired

FUNDING

The funding related to the duties and functions of the Administrative Commission will be from the Presbytery's Corporate Funds.

Second Draft:

I believe in One, triune God who is Master Gardener, Creator, and Sustainer of all. I believe in the trinitarian nature of God known in three persons as God, Christ, and the Holy Spirit, equally sharing in divinity and power, yet distinct. I trust in the sovereign Creator who breathed life into the earth. With the dust of God's creation and God's own breath, humanity was created. The vision of new life was born. While God is ruler of all, God is also a companion and guide to humankind, God calls each of us into community with one another, knowing that all of creation is called good.

God's love for us, God's own beloved creation, is God's reason for sending God's only son on our behalf. Jesus the Christ was conceived by the Virgin Mary and the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, I believe Jesus is both fully divine and fully human. As the living incarnation of God sent to live among God's people, Jesus Christ acts as a physical and present reminder of the love and grace witnessed in the Word, the Holy Scriptures.

In his lifetime, Jesus Christ taught God's creation the power of love, justice, peace, and grace. It is the teachings of Jesus present in the divine and holy Scriptures that we are called to follow, called to emulate. Jesus welcomed children to his feet, fed the hungry, healed the sick, and ministered to the outcast. Through Jesus' teachings present in the Holy Scriptures, my ministry is encouraged and shaped. My faith and ministry is directly shaped by the actions, words, and exceptional love Jesus demonstrated in life and in the present to love thy neighbor, support the oppressed, and show grace to all of God's children.

I believe in the life-saving, redeeming power of Jesus Christ's death and resurrection. Having ministered so radically during his lifetime, Jesus was condemned to death and crucified for breaking the norm. In his death, Jesus descended into hell. However, as women prepared to anoint Jesus' body for burial, he was resurrected from the dead to sit on the right hand of God the Father. Jesus' resurrection reminds us of the power of the love and grace given to us by God. Through Jesus' death and resurrection, we are promised the forgiveness of sin and eternal life in our relationship with God. The works of our human lives do not justify this promise, but the promise is found in the sacrifice of Jesus alone.

I believe in the power and movement of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit, sent by God and Christ, guides and encourages us through both the smallest, and the most grand gestures. The Holy Spirit is what guides us to emulate the love, compassion, hope, and healing of Jesus Christ that we are shown in the Holy Scriptures. The Holy Spirit not

only guides us toward a life more in tune with that of Jesus Christ, but it also gives us the talents and skills to use along the way. Each of us is touched by the Spirit and therefore pulled closer in relationship to God. The Holy Spirit is like the cement that holds the mosaic of the Christian family together. This Christian mosaic includes pieces that resemble Jesus Christ, God, the Holy Scriptures, and the body of believers. Together, with the glue of the Holy Spirit a beautiful image of love and hope prevails. Each piece of the mosaic creation needs the other; we need the comfort of God, the guidance and sacrificial promise of Jesus Christ, the Word of Scripture, the body of believers near and far, and the uniting glue of the Spirit creates a beautiful image where love and hope prevails.

I believe in the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper. As physical reminders of the Trinity's presence and promise through the ordinary elements of water, bread, and wine. When we take part in the Sacraments, we are reminding ourselves of the commitment to claim our faith in God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit.

I believe the Sacrament of Baptism reminds us God has called us into a relationship with God and the larger community of faith here on earth, before we even knew it. I believe the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper (or Holy Communion) acts as a reminder of the sacrifice made by Jesus for the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of a new life he gave to each of us. As we take part in this Sacrament, we are reminded that at God's table, all are welcome, loved, and sent forth as disciples of Christ.

I believe in the power of the Church. I trust in the Church's mission to bring forth the teachings and love of the Trinity in all that it does. We are called to be good neighbors to all in the world whether they look like us, believe in what we do, or share in the same values. We are the hands, feet, and mouths of God as members of God's Church. Therefore, we are called to promote love, peace, justice, and compassion for all of God's creation. I trust in God's calling in my life to lead this community in these ways, toward a world that is more kind and just in the image of God, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

2024 Mission Operations Budget Overview (2nd Read)

- 2024 per capita \$43.61 reflects a 0.45 net increase as fund reserves are applied to ameliorate a -7% (823) membership loss.
- Budget includes line-item adjustments for Terms of Call approved September 30, 2023, for Transitional Lead Presbyter.
- Net (2nd read) adjustments (\$1,036) for 2024.
- The budget forecasts a planned (\$46k) deficit for the period and \$44k operating ministry fund balance surplus (12/2024).

2024 Mission Focus Units Budget Overview (2nd Read)

- 2024 Shared Mission benevolence resources forecasts a decrease of 6% (\$9,712).
- Budget includes a 5% reduction in mission partner funding with these amounts redirected to mission in congregations and technology grants.
- The budget forecasts a planned (\$9k) deficit for the period and \$77k mission fund balance surplus (12/2024).

REPORT of the COMMITTEE on REPRESENTATION

PART I – Election of the Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery

Vice-Moderator of Presbytery with the Vice-Moderator Rotation as follows:

- **Male Ruling Elder 2024**
- **Male Teaching Elder 2025**
- **Female Ruling Elder 2026**
- **Female Teaching Elder 2027**

2024 Vice-Moderator Nominee

RE: Jason Knapp, First Presbyterian, Anderson

Biographical Statement for Jason Knapp

Jason Knapp has been a Presbyterian of one kind or another in seven different states—twice in Kansas and New Mexico—since his infant baptism in Omaha, Nebraska, his home state. He has served congregations in numerous capacities, but especially as a ruling elder—ordained in Berkeley, California, in 1974—as a Bible study teacher, in international missions ministries, and as a lay preacher. With concern for the global Christian church, Jason worked particularly in Peru and Tanzania, East Africa. His daughter, Lorien, and son-in-law Paul, founded a farm/home for vulnerable children in Tanzania more than a decade ago. Jason is the chair of the American Board for the ministry, Kwetu Faraja LLC.

Jason earned a BFA from the University of Kansas, MA and MFA degrees from UC Berkeley, and completed CLP training in one of Carol McDonald's cohorts. He began a career as a studio artist in 1974 that continues to the present, with sculptures, paintings, and prints in numerous public and private collections. As an academic, Jason taught at four colleges and universities until retirement from 25 years at Anderson University, where his specialty was art history/theory and criticism.

Treasures from God are Jason's wife of 51 years, Betty—a retired elementary art teacher—his two daughters, their husbands, and four grandchildren; his theology discussion group of thirty-three years, his former students, and his family farm.

With one fiction novel under his belt, Jason is working on four other books as an author and collaborator. At the heart of these projects is his concern for a Christian response to racism and the mounting enmity to all forms of diversity in our national social contract.

Part II -- Presbytery Treasurer Nominee (for a three-year term 2024- 2026)

**Ruling Elder Phil Votaw, First Meridian Heights Presbyterian, Indianapolis and
Commissioned Ruling Elder to First Presbyterian of Elwood and First Presbyterian of
Tipton**

Part III – Election of General Assembly Commissioners, Class of 2024

2 Ruling Elders, 2 Teaching Elders, 1 Young Adult Advisory Delegate

- RE John Current, Grace Presbyterian, Fort Wayne
- RE Carolyn Kendall, New Hope Presbyterian, Fishers
- TE Winterbourne Harrison-Jones, Witherspoon Presbyterian, Indianapolis
- TE Deb Mitchell, Honorably Retired
- YAAD Jackson Wood, Orchard Park Presbyterian, Fishers

Part IV – Election of Nominees for Commissions and Committees of the Presbytery

Coordinating Council Commission

1 Ruling Elder, Class of 2025 (replacing Mary Harden, Witherspoon, Indianapolis)

RE: Ted Smith, First Presbyterian, Bluffton

3 Ruling Elders, 3 Teaching Elders, Class of 2027

RE: Dan Borgenheimer, First Presbyterian, Hartford City

RE: Annetta Davis, White Lick Presbyterian, Avon

RE: Samuel Frost, Bethel Presbyterian, Knightstown

TE: Dennis Davenport, Honorably Retired

TE: Gary Kornell, Honorably Retired

TE: Roger McDaniel, Boggstown Presbyterian, Boggstown

Congregations Represented on Coordinating Council:

- Edinburgh, Edinburgh Presbyterian – RE Lois Steele
- Fort Wayne, Amistad – TE Martin Garcia
- Fort Wayne, First – Carrie Winebrenner
- Fort Wayne, Grace – Jill Werling
- Greensburg, First and Rushville, First – Marena Vittorio Schindler
- Indianapolis, Immanuel – RE Joe Matthews
- Indianapolis, Northminster – RE Jenni Heimach
- Indianapolis, Orchard Park – RE Pat Cowall-Hanover
- McCordsville, Christ – TE Wally Wilson
- Shelbyville, First – TE Max Muska, RE Dawn Whitfield
- Zionsville, ZPC – RE Sharon Pierce
- At large – TE Beau Brown, TE Karel (Chuck) Hanhart, TE Liz Kaznak-Hall, TE Michael Lindvall
- Validated Ministry – TE Vern Farnum

Commission on Ministry

Teaching Elder for Class of 2024 (replacing Katherine Rieder)

TE: Gretchen Schneider, First Presbyterian, Shelbyville

4 Ruling Elders, 5 Teaching elders for Class of 2026

RE: Carla Beard, First Presbyterian, Connersville

RE: Carolyn Kendall, New Hope Presbyterian, Fishers

RE: Brad McNabb, New Hope Presbyterian, Fishers

RE: Sandra Reid, Tabernacle Presbyterian, Indianapolis

TE: Youngsoo An, First Presbyterian, Fort Wayne

TE: Ramona Dale, St. Andrew Presbyterian, Muncie

TE: Gracie Payne, Second Presbyterian, Indianapolis

TE: Garrett Schindler, First Presbyterian Churches of Greensburg and Rushville

TE: Wally Wilson, Christ Presbyterian, McCordsville

Congregations Represented on COM:

- Avon, White Lick – TE Ruth Moore
- Connersville, First – RE Carla Beard
- Fort Wayne, First – RE Sandy Shearer
- Fort Wayne, Grace – RE Bill Werling
- Fishers, New Hope – RE Carolyn Kendall
- Indianapolis, First Meridian Heights – RE Phil Votaw
- Indianapolis, Korean --- RE Charles Chae (eligible for another term)
- Indianapolis, Northminster – RE Tony Dzwonar
- Indianapolis, Second – RE Ron Snow
- Indianapolis, Tabernacle – RE Sandra Reid
- Jonesboro, First of Grant County – RE Dan Bowell, TE Laurie Wolcott
- McCordsville, Christ – RE Dennis Whitson
- New Castle, First – RE Jim Millikan
- Noblesville, First – TE Eric Gale
- Zionsville, ZPC – TE Scott Shelton
- At-large -- TE Kevin Boyd, TE Jan DeVries TE Steve Ebling, TE Mark Morningstar, TE Ron Rockey, TE Galen Schwarz

Commission on Preparation for Ministry

2 Ruling Elders, 2 Teaching Elders for Class of 2026

RE: Lisa Crismore, Faith Presbyterian, Indianapolis

RE: Roz Lancaster, Northminster Presbyterian, Indianapolis

TE: Kevin Buchanan, Grace Presbyterian, Fort Wayne

TE: Rex Espiritu, First Presbyterian, Portland

Congregations Represented on CPM:

- Fort Wayne, Grace – RE Jill Werling
- Indianapolis, Witherspoon – RE Carolyn Cisse (2)
- Indianapolis, Northminster – RE Roz Lancaster
- Indianapolis, Second – TE Karen Lang, RE Becky Hagerty (2)
- New Castle, First – Mary Krupp
- Portland, First – TE Rex Espiritu
- Rushville, Trinity – RE John Wall
- At-large – TE Alice McDowell, TE A.J. Mildenberg, TE Jim Pfeiffer

Commissioners to the Synod of Lincoln Trails

1 Teaching Elder for Class of 2025

TE: Katherine Rieder, First Presbyterian, New Castle

1 Ruling Elder for Class of 2026

RE: Patty McKinnon, John Knox Presbyterian, Indianapolis

Congregations currently represented:

- Anderson, First – RE Jason Knapp
- Connersville, First – RE Fred Sess
- Indianapolis, Irvington – RE Martha McDonald
- Indianapolis, at-large – TE Jim Pfeiffer (alternate)

Board of Directors

2 Ruling Elders for Class of 2027:

RE: Nancy Frick, Second Presbyterian, Indianapolis

RE: Karen Filler, Southminster Presbyterian, Indianapolis

Congregations Represented on Board of Directors:

- Indianapolis, Fairview – TE Shawn Coons
- Indianapolis, Northminster – RE Girtha Perkins
- At-large – TE Bob McAulay

Sexual Misconduct Response Team

3 for Class of 2026 (not specified for Ruling and/or Teaching Elders)

- **Jeff Jahn, Teaching Elder serving Temple Congregational UCC, Marion**
- **Carrie Smith-Coons, Validated Ministry**

Congregations Represented on the Sexual Misconduct Response Team:

- Fishers, New Hope – Caroline Steward
- Fort Wayne, First – Annie Epling, Marcie Weissner
- Indianapolis, Faith – Charlotte Lohrenz
- Indianapolis, Irvington – Anne Frangos, Matt Wolf
- Validated Ministry – Jim Pfeiffer, Steve Ebling

PCRC (Pyoca) Board

1 Presbytery representative for 2025 (not specified)

- **Max Muska, First Presbyterian, Shelbyville**

Congregations Represented on the PCRC Board

- Indianapolis, First Meridian Heights – Carol Foulke
- Indianapolis, Irvington – Dave Frangos
- Indianapolis, Northminster – Andy Longo
- At-large Trish Lisa

Investigating Committee Pool (from Manual of Administrative Operations)

“The Investigating Committee Pool constitutes a group, nominated by the Committee on Representation and elected by the Presbytery, who may be called upon to fulfill the obligations of the judicial process.

The Investigating Committee Pool shall consist of six (6) elected Ruling Elders or Ministers of Word and Sacrament, in three (3) year classes of two (2) persons, eligible to serve not more than two consecutive three-year terms.”

Class of 2026

1 Teaching Elder: Hal Thomas, Honorably Retired

1 Ruling Elder: Pam Guernsey, First Meridian Heights, Indianapolis

Congregations Represented on the Investigating Committee Pool

Indianapolis, Second – TE Gracie Payne

Indianapolis, Tabernacle – RE Sharon Marshall

Shelbyville, First – RE Mike Whitfield

At-large – TE Ann Pitman, Honorably Retired

**Final Report to the Assembly of Whitewater Valley Presbytery of
The Administrative Commission to Dissolve Immanuel Presbyterian Church of
Indianapolis, Indiana**

Introduction and Background

The Immanuel Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis, Indiana, its Session Moderator Rev. Bob Heimach, the Session, and the congregation engaged in a season of discernment for several months regarding the future of the congregation. The Session and church representatives sought the counsel of the Commission on Ministry and the Executive Presbyter. As the discernment continued, representatives from Immanuel Presbyterian initiated conversations with Witherspoon Presbyterian Church of Indianapolis to discuss how their active membership and leadership roles might be welcomed and honored. Both congregations concurred that the combined membership would elevate ministry and mission. At a congregational meeting on October 22, 2022, Immanuel Presbyterian Church voted to ask the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley to dissolve the congregation.

The responsibility and power to dissolve a congregation is granted to Presbytery by the Book of Order (G-4.0205) and for this purpose the Presbytery is able to appoint an Administrative Commission by Presbytery Standing Rules (#14, Commissions for Special Service). The Commission on Ministry believes the procedural dissolution of a congregation is best accomplished through an Administrative Commission.

For the purpose of dissolving the Immanuel Presbyterian Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley voted at its Stated Meeting on Saturday, February 4, 2023 to appoint an Administrative Commission to act on Presbytery's behalf. The membership of the Administrative Commission is composed of the following individuals: Teaching Elder Karel Hanhart (Honorably Retired); Ruling Elder Joe Matthews (Immanuel Presbyterian, Indianapolis); Ruling Elder Martha McDonald (Irvington Presbyterian, Indianapolis); Ruling Elder Sandra Reid (Tabernacle Presbyterian, Indianapolis); and Teaching Elder Shelly Wood (Orchard Park Presbyterian, Carmel).

The Administrative Commission was granted the following powers and functions for the purpose of dissolving the congregation:

- Meeting and consulting with members of the Immanuel Presbyterian Session to facilitate the work of the Commission;
- Arranging for pastoral care of the members;
- Publicizing the dissolution of the congregation;
- Ascertaining the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the congregation, securing the Session records, securing the legal rights to all personal property held by or for the benefit of the congregation;
- Recommending to the Presbytery the use of the assets of the congregation in consultation with the Immanuel Session;

- Assuring that a Service of Witness is conducted;
- Securing the assistance of other individuals, as appropriate, to assist with its work, and generally to do such things and take actions for, in the name of and on behalf of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of the resolution of its charge;
- Reporting actions and recommendations of the Administrative Commission to the Presbytery Assembly at the conclusion of its work.

Reported Actions of the Administrative Commission

1. The Commission went through files and records and transferred historical and membership records to the Presbytery for appropriate preservation.
2. The Commission identified members of the congregation who had not yet transferred membership to another congregation and informed them of Immanuel's closing date and instructions on how to transfer membership once they had identified a new church home.
3. The amount of outstanding per capita was determined and paid in full through the Presbytery.
4. The final worship service as a Service of Witness was scheduled to be held at Witherspoon Presbyterian Church on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. with a reception afterward.

Recommendations to the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley

Remaining financial funds to be allocated as follows:

- a. \$12,000 --- current expenses
- b. \$10,000 – Let's Chat 2 Fund
- c. \$10,000 – Transportation Fund
- d. \$10,000 – Glory of God
- e. Remainder of Immanuel Funds to be held by Witherspoon Presbyterian Church in a restricted fund under the oversight of former Immanuel Session members (Ruling Elder Joe Matthews, Ruling Elder Barbara Black; Ruling Elder Willis Bright)

Checking account to be closed on August 31, 2023. Final dissolution of the Immanuel Presbyterian Church to be accomplished by the appropriate Presbytery staff in collaboration with the Administrative Commission.

It is with tremendous gratitude for the steadfast faithfulness of Elder Joe Matthews and his love and commitment to Immanuel Presbyterian Church that we faithfully submit this final report.

**Report of the Administrative Commission
Hope United Presbyterian Church
Plainfield, Indiana
Whitewater Valley Presbytery
November 1, 2023**

For the purpose of dissolving Hope United Presbyterian Church, Plainfield, Indiana, after a congregational vote on April 24, 2022, the Whitewater Valley Presbytery appointed an Administrative Commission to act on Presbytery's behalf, effective May 4, 2022, with the following powers and functions for the purpose of dissolving a congregation in a timeframe required to complete the work as specified below:

- Consult with remaining Session members to facilitate the work of the Administrative Commission;
- Arrange for pastoral care of congregation members;
- Ascertain the financial status and outstanding financial obligations of the congregation, secure Session records, secure the legal rights to all property (real and personal) held by or for the benefit of the congregation;
- Dispose moveable personal property of the congregation, secure the building and property, attend to matters of insurance, dispose of building and grounds and convey any proceeds to The Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, Inc;
- Recommend to the Presbytery the use of assets of the congregation;
- Plan and participate in a Service of Witness and to determine the effective dissolution date;
- Secure the assistance of any other individuals as appropriate to assist with the work of the Administrative Commission and take such actions in the name of and on behalf of the Presbytery of Whitewater Valley, as shall be reasonably necessary to accomplish the general purpose of this resolution and all other business and actions related to the dissolution of the congregation;
- Provide a written report of actions of the Administrative Commission at the conclusion of its work which will be presented to the Presbytery Assembly with dismissal of the Administrative Commission to follow.

Members of the Administrative Commission include:

- Ruling Elder Ebbie Crawford, Moderator, (Greenwood Presbyterian Church and representing the Board of Directors of Whitewater Valley Presbytery)
- Teaching Elder Gary Kornell (Honorably Retired)
- Ruling Elder Diane McKnight (Hope United Presbyterian Church, Session member)
- Teaching Elder Barb Parker (Honorably Retired and representing Commission on Ministry)
- Teaching Elder Mike Samson
- Teaching Elder Jan DeVries, (HUPC interim pastor and Administrative Commission clerk)

The following is a summary of our work:

The first meeting of HUPC A/C was held on May 6, 2022 at the church; Ebbie Crawford was chosen as Moderator by consensus. Over the next two months, the A/C set out to secure all records, meet with Session members for input into future building/property usage, generate an inventory of contents for distribution and/or sale, and set a Date of Dissolution/Final Worship Service date of October 2, 2022.

In preparation for possible property sale, an Appraisal was ordered in March, 2022; the Appraisal amount came to \$890,000. It soon became clear, however, that the primary candidate preferred by HUPC Session was *Family Promise of Hendricks County*, a local agency which specializes in housing and supportive services of families. The A/C was also aware that *Family Promise* was unable to meet anywhere near the full retail amount of the building appraisal.

After much discussion about financial priorities, mission goals and meeting with the principal associates of the agency, the A/C invited *Family Promise* to make their “best offer” and, ultimately, agreed to their proposed offer of \$550,000, contingent on any zoning changes, on June 25, 2022. The sales agreement gave *Family Promise* sixty (60) days to finalize the deal. At the same time, HUPC Session offered to gift to other Presbyterian churches any contents that could continue to be used in Worship services.

Storm clouds began to gather almost immediately in the form of active opposition to *Family Promise* occupation in the neighborhood. Meanwhile, the zoning change application extended the time necessary to close the sale. The A/C and *Family Promise* hosted a neighborhood meeting in Hope UPC Sanctuary on August 23, 2022, in an attempt to address the rumors and concerns of the area residents. It did not go well.

After the Town of Plainfield Zoning Board voted to NOT recommend the zoning change application of *Family Promise*, their sales proposal was rescinded and the A/C began a different search for a possible buyer of the church building and premises. There had been numerous informal inquiries of various groups from the beginning of the A/C assignment; however, this time, the A/C decided to list the property with a commercial realtor for the best possible outcome.

Dan O’Neil of Berkshire Hathaway Realty was chosen after the A/C interviewed three total realtors in January, 2023. Dan was given the list of all interested parties who had contacted the A/C in the prior months; this time, the A/C agreed to list the property (as is) for \$1,125,000. There were several interested queries throughout the winter and early spring months.

By May, 2023, a Sikh organization, represented by Mr. Jaswinder Singh, agreed to all the A/C terms and signed a purchase agreement for Hope UPC for \$1,120,000 cash and “as is” condition. Closing occurred on June 20, 2023.

After all realty expenses (closing costs, realtor fee, etc) and all church obligations (remaining mortgage, utilities, contents disposal, etc) were satisfied, the Available

Disbursement Amount was revised to \$1,151,000.00. This amount included the remaining church funds after final expenses were paid and has been transferred to the Presbytery. The A/C now wishes the funds to be disbursed as follows:

- Hope UPC Legacy Endowment (Presbyterian Foundation) \$525,000.00
 - Earnings Disbursement Instructions
 - Family Promise of Hendricks County 25%
 - Food Pantry Coalition of Hendricks County 25%
 - Sheltering Wings 25%
 - Presbyterian Disaster Assistance 25%
- Presbytery of Whitewater Valley (Ministry) \$500,000.00
- Promise of Tomorrow Fund \$95,000.00
- The Gathering Together \$10,000.00
- Plainfield Church Federation \$10,000.00
- Plainfield School Corporation \$10,000.00
- Cindy Shelton \$599.00

All available church records have been transferred to the Presbytery archives. This A/C wishes to thank Executive Alan Thames, Stated Clerk Terry Epling, and Eric Herzog for their assistance to the A/C. We are honored to have served as members of this Commission and pray that God's Will was accomplished.

Ebbie Crawford, Moderator
Jan DeVries, Clerk
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On behalf of the Hope United Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission,

Ebbie Crawford, Moderator