Presbytery of Ohio Valley In Assembly September 15, 2012 at Camp Pyoca Brownstown, Indiana

The meeting was called to order, a quorum declared present and invocation to worship was offered by the Moderator, Mike Beaver at 10:00 a.m. The Word was proclaimed by the immediate past Moderator, Rev. David Crittenden. Moderator Beaver served as liturgist and "The New School Praise Team" from the Brownstown Church provided the music.

Mission Interpretation was offered prior to the offering. Jack Cormack and Sharon Kutz-Mellem discussed the presbytery's commitment to a new house build for the Coates family who were victims of the March 2 tornado in Henryville. Jack, Sharon and many others continue to labor on the long term efforts for recovery and restoration of the area.

The business of the presbytery continued as a response to the Word. Corresponding members were seated as follows: Rev. Andy Holmes from Lake Erie Presbytery and the Rev. Richard VanDoren of the Reformed Church in America.

Guests and first time Commissioners to Assembly were introduced.

Rich Swartwood extended the greetings of the host organization—Pyoca. Rich offered an interpretation of the activity of the camp for the year and a status update on continuing improvements.

Formation of the Roll

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

<u>Ministers</u>		Church
Ackerman, Jim	(E)	Honorably Retired
Aelick, E. Duane	(E)	Honorably Retired
Ballard, John	(E)	Member-at-Large
Bangert, Byron	(P)	Honorably Retired
Barnes-Davies, Peter	(E)	Scottsburg, First
Barrett, Bill	(P)	Scipio, United/Grammer
Barrett, Carol	(P)	Member-at-Large
Bartel, Michelle	(P)	New Washington, Trinity United
Bean, Michael	(P)	North Vernon, Graham
Becker, Alex	(A)	Henryville, Community/Mount Lebanon
Brand, D. Calvert	(E)	Honorably Retired
Bremer, David	(E)	Bloomington, United
Brookman, David	(E)	Honorably Retired
Brown, James	(E)	Honorably Retired
Casteel, Peggy	(P)	Columbus, First
Chironna, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
Cochran, Sarah	(P)	Vernon, Vernon

<u>Ministers</u> <u>Church</u>

Colwell, Allen (A) New Albany, St John United Cormack, Jack (P) New Albany, Mount Tabor

Craig, Robert (P) Columbus, First Cramer, James Honorably Retired (E) Crittenden, David **GA/Mission Council** (P) Davenport, Dennis (E) Evansville, Eastminster Davis, Lant (P) Terre Haute, Central DeSanto, John (E) Honorably Retired Drake, Alfred (E) Honorably Retired Erickson, Eric (P) Honorably Retired Seymour, First Erickson, John (P)

Evanchak, Michael (P) Boonville, Hemenway Memorial

Honorably Retired

Finley, E. Dean (E) Honorably Retired

Erickson, Norie

Finnan, Alan (P) Washington, Westminster

(P)

Martinsville, First Fisher, Carol (P) Fleming, Kevin (A) Evansville, First Lexington, Lexington Flucke, Aaron (P) Flucke, David (P) Honorably Retired Honorably Retired Fortel, Deborah (E) Newburgh, Newburgh Fox, Kathleen (P)

FrizLanger, Martha (E) Dale, Dale

Frost, Randall Honorably Retired (E) Honorably Retired Geckeler, Steve (E) Gladney, Eugene Princeton, First (A) Gorton, William Honorably Retired (E) Mount Vernon, First Gould, Monica (P) Guthrie, J. Marshall (E) Honorably Retired Hainer, Frank (E) Laconia, Rehoboth Haw. Ann Honorably Retired (P) Heilman, William (E) Honorably Retired Heldring, Boyd (P) Petersburg, Main Street Hill, Scott Corydon, Corydon (P)

Hudson, Jay (A) GA/PILP

Hudson, Jill (A) GA/Governing Body Relations

Hueftle, Keith (E) Honorably Retired Humphrey, Carol (P) Member-at-Large

Jackman, Lawrence (P) Presbytery of Ohio Valley

Jensen, Mary(E)Member-at-LargeJensen, Mary(A)Member-at-LargeJessen, Timothy(P)Member-at-Large

Johnson, Hana (P) Cayuga, Cayuga (United) Keeney, William (E) Honorably Retired Kendall, Wes (P) Greencastle, Greencastle

Kim-Kort, Mihee (A) Honorably Retired Kinloch, Donald (E) Honorably Retired Knight, Jo Ann (A) Fort Bliss, U.S. Army

Ministers		Church
Kort, Andy	(A)	Bloomington, First
Langer, Larry	(E)	Jasper, First
Lee, David	(P)	Spencer, Spencer
	(A)	Bloomington, Korean
Lee, Sang Tae		_
Lenhart, Benjamin Lorimer, Robert	(E)	Honorably Retired
Marshall, Anne	(E)	Honorably Retired
,	(P)	Columbus, Fairlawn
McCormick, Wendy	(E)	Evansville, Center for Congregations Southwest
McDaniel, Mark McGhee, Susan	(P)	Bedford, First
	(P)	Presbytery of Ohio Valley
McGlasson, Paul	(A)	Sullivan, First
McKune, John	(E)	Honorably Retired
Moore, Gregory	(A)	Member-at-Large
Napier, Brad	(P)	Brownstown, First
Nead, Alfred	(E)	Honorably Retired
Olson, Mark	(P)	Trinity Parish
Olson, Wendy	(P)	Trinity Parish
Olt, Julie	(P)	Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant
O'Neill, Shane	(E)	Honorably Retired
Owen, Elisa	(A)	Member-at-Large
Paul-Bonham, Scott	(A)	Terre Haute, Fed Bureau of Prisons
Pedersen, Rachel	(P)	Bloomington, First
Pekich-Bundy, Katrina	(P)	Hanover, Hanover
Peters, Linda	(P)	Terre Haute, Unity
Porter, Mark	(E)	Honorably Retired
Pritchard, Richard	(E)	Honorably Retired
Pye, Charles	(P)	Clarksville, Grace
Railing, Deanna	(E)	Member-at-Large
Ramirez-Spears, Amy	(E)	Member-at-Large
Robinson, Mark	(A)	Member-at-Large
Roseland, Chris	(A)	GA/Mission Council
Rudolph, L.C.	(E)	Honorably Retired
Rumsey, William	(A)	Honorably Retired
Sale, Thomas	(E)	Honorably Retired
Scroggins, Gary	(P)	Brazil, First
Seay, Scott	(A)	Nashville, Brown County Fellowship
Smith, Alexa	(A)	GA/Presbyterian Hunger Program
Smith, Sharon	(A)	Member-at-Large
Stokes, Donald	(A)	Livonia, Livonia United
Stuart, Irene	(E)	Honorably Retired
Summerfield, Don	(P)	Jeffersonville, First
Taylor, Veltri	(A)	Evansville, Asera Care Hospice
Thompson, Murray	(P)	Bloomfield, First
Thompson, William	(E)	Honorably Retired
Thorne, Cheryl	(P)	Vincennes, Indiana
Tracy, Doug	(P)	Honorably Retired
Tratebas, Edmund	(E)	Honorably Retired

36.1						
<u>Ministers</u>	(E)	<u>Church</u>				
Turner, Robert	(E)	Honorably Retired				
VanderZee, John	(P)	Bloomington, Bloomington Hospital				
VanderZee, Wendy	(P)	Bloomington, Hospice of Bloomington Hospital				
Walden-Fisher, Beth	(A)	Salem, Salem				
Walters, Ralph	(E)	Honorably Retired				
Waters, Nancy	(P)	Paoli, First				
White, Robert	(E)	Honorably Retired				
Williams-Hanrattie, Sharon	(A)	Columbus, Bartholomew Consolidated School Corp.				
Wynveen, Barry	(A)	Princeton, United				
Young, David	(A)	Madison, Madison				
Young, Nancy	(A)	Member-at-Large				
Ministers,						
Other Denomination		<u>Church</u>				
Feagan, Gene	(A)	Evansville, First Avenue/Westminster				
Morris, William	(A)	Patoka, Patoka				
Parker, Ray	(A)	Evansville, Parke Memorial				
Perkins, R. Wayne	(A)	Evansville, Immanuel				
Shields, Sara	(A)	Mitchell, Mitchell				
Commissioned						
Ruling Elders		Church				
Beaver, Mike	(P)	Nabb, Nabb				
Ford, George	(A)	Vincennes, First/Upper Indiana				
Kutz-Mellem, Sharon	(P)	Laconia, United/Central, Valley City				
Poff, Dick	(A)	Spencer, Bethany				
Snyder, Barbara	(P)	•				
Traister, Andy	(A)	New Albany, Mount Tabor				
Turner, John	(A)	Jasonville, Howesville				
Church		Commissioner				
Bedford, First		Mike Alexander (A)				
Bloomfield, First		Ted Hawkins (A)				
Bloomington, First		Ron Jensen (P)				
Bloomington, United		Judie Iverson (A)				
Boonville, Hemenway Memo	orial	Glenn Rudolph (P)				
Brazil, First	71141	Vanita Moore (A)				
Brownstown, First		Emily Norman (P)				
Cayuga, Cayuga (United)		Mike Morgan (A)				
Central, Valley City		Brenda Bliss (A)				
Charlestown, Community		Jeffrey Renschler (P)				
Clarksville, Grace		John Trueblood (A)				
Clinton, United		Jack Fenoglio (P)				
Columbus, Fairlawn		Phil Newton (A)				
Columbus, First		Jo Lucas (P)				
Corydon, Corydon		Charles Eckart (A)				
Dale, Dale		Steven Rexing (A)				
		(/				

Church	Commissioner	
Elizabeth, Church of the Covenant	Jim Troutman	(A)
Evansville, Eastminster	Bob Parsons	(A)
Evansville, First	Helen Templeton	(E)
Evansville, First Avenue	Ed Marlin	(A)
Evansville, Immanuel	Bea Clem	(A)
Evansville, Parke Memorial	Wanda Collins	(A)
Evansville, Westminster	Doug Mikolasek	(A)
Farmersburg, First	John Wood	(A)
Fort Branch, First	Bill Jackson	(A)
Grammer, Grammer	Linda Coggin	(A)
Greencastle, Greencastle	Marilyn Lawrence	(P)
Hanover, Hanover	Janet Lowry	(P)
Henryville, Community	Neva Newlin	(A)
Henryville, Mount Lebanon	Marianna Dietrich	(P)
Jasper, First	Jim Duncan	(A)
Jeffersonville, First	Virgil Hertling	(P)
Laconia, Rehoboth	Paula Hensley	(P)
Laconia, United	Commissioner	(A)
Leavenworth, Community	John Stutzman	(A)
Lexington, Lexington	George Hill	(A)
Livonia, Livonia United	Johanna Lambert	(P)
Madison, Jefferson	Jolene Boyer	(P)
Madison, Madison	Sheila Self	(P)
Madison, Smyrna-Monroe	Carol Bell	(P)
Martinsville, First	Mike Stiver	(P)
Mitchell, Mitchell	Oakleigh Westfall	(A)
Montezuma, First	Ann Stanley	(P)
Mount Vernon, First	Bob Seitz	(P)
Nabb, Nabb	Roberta Bastian	(P)
Nashville, Brown County Fellowship	Bill Boyle	(P)
New Albany, Mount Tabor	Rob Crosser	(P)
New Albany, St John United	John Sumner	(A)
New Washington, Trinity United	Ruby Taflinger	(A)
Newburgh, Newburgh	Pat Poland	(A)
North Vernon, Graham	Steve Graham	(P)
Paoli, First	Larry Hollan	(A)
Patoka, Patoka	June White	(E)
Patoka, Union Bethel	Gerald Bane	(A)
Petersburg, Main Street	Lisa Clark	(P)
Princeton, First	Troy Davidson	(A)
Princeton, United	John Hynemann	(A)
Roachdale, Roachdale	John Boruff	(A)
Rockville, Memorial	Carolyn Davis	(A)
Salem, Salem	Max Bedwell	(P)
Scipio, Scipio	Bill Gerhard	(P)
Scottsburg, First	Cheryl Davenport	(A)
Seymour, First	George Ernest	(A)
~ - , 1110 01, 1 110 t	Scorgo Linest	(* * /

<u>Church</u>	Commissioner	
Spencer, Bethany	Robert Pedro	(E)
Spencer, Spencer	Carol Miller	(P)
Sullivan, First	Bob Tomey	(A)
Terre Haute, Central	Don Lowder	(P)
Terre Haute, Unity	Jayne Williams	(P)
Vernon, Vernon	Commissioner	(A)
Vevay, Caledonia	Caren Griffith	(A)
Vincennes, Bethany	Donald Opell	(A)
Vincennes, First	Nadene Nichols	(A)
Vincennes, Indiana	Diana Reel	(P)
Vincennes, Royal Oak	Robert Dutton	(A)
Vincennes, South Side	Commissioner	(A)
Vincennes, Upper Indiana	Brett Robling	(A)
Washington, Westminster	Steve Foddrill	(A)

Elder Members by

Reason	οf	Office
IXCasun	VI.	OHICE

Jean Brown	(P)	Jane Gore	(P)	Carol Miller	(P)
Bill Gerhard	(P)	Paul Kelleher	(A)	Rob Peters	(P)
Karen Goodwell	(A)	Mary McClellan	(A)	Warren Ward	(P)

Visitors

Martha Lasher	Brownstown, Brownstown	Karen Finnan	Washington, Westminster
Margo Fenoglio	Clinton, United	Sharon Craig	Columbus, First
Norma Eisert	Salem, Salem	Susie Van Doren	Bloomington, First
Karin Thompson	Bloomfield, First	Richard Van Doren	Bloomington, First
Trudy Vanderbeck	Vincennes, Indiana	Andrew Holmes	Erie (PA), Elmwood Avenue
Dawn Black	New Albany, Mount Tabor	Jean Beaver	Madison
Jackie Crittenden	New Albany, Mount Tabor		

The Consent Agenda was presented by the Stated Clerk. The items were received along with recommendations and were given approval by voice vote. The items included:

Minutes of the Prior Meeting

Docket

Call to Order

Worship and Proclamation of the Word

Declaration of a Quorum, Seating of Corresponding Members, introduction of first time commissioners

Welcome from the Host: Pyoca Update

Consent Agenda: Minutes of June 5, 2012, Docket, Report of the Stated Clerk,

Treasurer's Report, POV Academy Committee

Report of Commissioners to General Assembly

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Presentation of Martha Lasher for Candidacy

Report of the Trustees

Presentation of Budget

Per Capita

Church Transformation and Reformation Day Story Swap Update

Report of Mission Partnerships Work Group

Lunch

Committee on Ministry

Recognition of Retirement of David Flucke

Consideration of Minimum Compensation for 2013

Mission Council

Youth Triennium Update

Speak out Session

Report of Stewardship Work Group

Report of the Administrative Commissions

Report of the Executive Presbyter

New Business

Presbytery Prayer Partners

Prayers of the Presbytery

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Stated Clerk's Report

Clerk's Report

The Rev. Lawrence Jackman

Resignation

Teaching Elder Anne Marshall resigned from the Administrative Commission for Charlestown Community Church. In keeping with the current Book of Order the number of persons assigned to an Administrative Commission may be established by the presbytery and a fixed number is no longer mandated.

220th General Assembly Overture Actions

The Presbytery voted concurrence with two overtures before the last General Assembly. Both overtures received positive action at the GA.

The 220th General Assembly is sending 19 overtures back to the Presbyteries for action. Half of these items will address items in the Book of Discipline. Booklets of the amendments will be available soon. Also available immediately is a download version of this material. Go to, http://oga.pcusa.org/section/departments/communication-development-and-technology/constitution/#boo

The download is near the top of the page and is in two parts.

General Assembly Committee Membership

Alejandra Haddad, Bloomington United, has been re-elected to COGA (Committee on the Office of General Assembly) class of 2014.

Treasurer's Report Elder Jean Brown

Presbytery of Ohio Valley, Inc. Condensed Statement of Revenues and Expenses (Actual vs Budget) January 1 through July 31, 2012

	Jan - July 2012			Annual
_		Actual		Budget
Revenue				
Per Capita	\$	149,453	\$	203,638
Shared Giving (Unified Mission)		62,633		109,000
Contributions		2,463		5,500
Unrestricted Invest Inc & Trans		44,500		77,000
		259,049		395,138
Expense				
Staff Expense		129,410		216,009
Ecclesial Expense		68,455		80,985
Meeting Expense		6,464		14,100
Administration & Office Expense		17,980		38,000
Program Expense		24,995		34,433
Geographic Region Expense		525		6,000
Task Force Funding		2,426		6,000
Total Expense	250,255		395,527	
Net Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 8,794		\$	(389)
Fund Balances				
As of April 30, 2012				
Church Legacy Funds			\$	661,744
Brown Trust			-	277,557
Restricted Funds (Specific Use)				191,600
Undesignated Net Assets				1,035,261
			\$	2,166,162

If you would like a detailed statement or any other additional information, please contact Jean Brown at (866) 344-7853 or at accounting@povpc.org

POV Academy Committee Report

Elder Barbara Snyder, Moderator

The POV Academy Committee will have met twice since the last POV Assembly – on July 12 and September 8. Plans were finalized for the "Worship in the Reformed Tradition" class to be held on September 28-29, led by the Rev. Dr. Fred Holper. As of September 1, there were still openings for 2 more men. Anyone interested should contact Barbara Snyder immediately.

Plans were also finalized for the "Journey through New Testament" class to be held on November 16-17. The instructor is the Rev. Janice Catron, pastor of John Knox Presbyterian Church in Louisville and formerly with Presbyterian Publishing. She has taught a number of classes in our previous POV academies. **Registration for this class closes September 17.**

We began planning for the 2013 classes. Church History with the Rev. Lant Davis will be explored on January 18-19. Reformed Theology will be led by the Rev. Dr. Michelle Bartel on March 15-16. A new course, Tools for Scriptural Interpretation (Exegesis), will be held May 17-18, with courses on Presbyterian Polity and Pastoral Care to be held in the fall of 2013.

Registration forms will be available at the September POV Assembly. Also, they are available on the POV website or from bbsnyder@bestonline.net.

The Consent Agenda was approved by the Assembly.

Report of the Commissioners to the 220th General Assembly

Elder Warren Ward (Columbus First) and Rev. Jack Cormack (New Albany, Mount Tabor) served our presbytery as commissioners to the recent General Assembly in Pittsburgh. Warren and Jack presented their observations on the meeting and the actions that came from it. Emphasis was placed on the tensions in the meeting efforts at overcoming those feelings of stress. There was also a strong focus on the evolving 1001 New Worshiping Communities program in the church.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry Report

Rev. Monica Gould, Moderator

The committee brings the recommendation that Martha Lasher, a student at Louisville Seminary and Inquirer member of Brownstown Church be enrolled as a Candidate for Ministry.

Ms. Lasher was examined by the Assembly on her understanding of call and her experience of God's guidance along her life journey. She spoke with the Assembly about both issues and also addressed questions form Commissioners. The motion was made, seconded and passed to sustain the examination. Ms. Lasher and her pastor, Brad Napier, excused themselves and the body was invited to discuss a motion to enroll Ms. Lasher as a candidate for ministry. Following discussion, the motion passed and the Moderator propounded the constitutional questions and commissioned Martha Lasher as a Candidate.

Trustees Report

Elder Rob Peters, Moderator

The Trustees presented and recommended a budget for 2013 as follows:

Presbytery of Ohio Valley Proposed Budget Summary January 1, 2013 - December 31, 2013

bulldary 1, 2010 December 01, 2010	Proposed	Change			
	2013	From 2012	Per		2012
Description	Budget	Budget	Capita	Mission	Budget
INCOME					
Income From All Sources	\$ 395,476	\$ 338	\$ 198,476	<u>\$ 197,000</u>	\$ 395,138
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 395,476	\$ 338	<u>\$ 198,476</u>	<u>\$ 197,000</u>	\$ 395,138
EXPENSES					
Staff and Office Expense	\$ 256,980	\$ 2,971	\$ 102,049	\$ 154,931	\$ 254,009
Other Administrative Costs	\$ 80,898	\$ (87)	\$ 80,898	\$ -	\$ 80,985
Meetings & Committees	\$ 14,600	\$ 500	\$ 12,000	\$ 2,600	\$ 14,100
Presbytery Programs	\$ 43,312	\$ (3,121)	<u>\$ -</u>	\$ 43,312	\$ 46,433
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 395,790	\$ 263	<u>\$ 194,947</u>	\$ 200,843	\$ 395,527
SURPLUS (DEFICIT)	<u>\$ (314)</u>	<u>\$ 75</u>	<u>\$ 3,529</u>	<u>\$ (3,843)</u>	<u>\$ (389)</u>
Per Capita	\$ 29.33	\$ -			\$ 29.33

The budget was approved after having been moved by Elder Peters.

The per capita of \$29.33 was also presented and moved by the Trustees. Discussion emphasized that the total per capita does not change and presbytery "absorbs" other changes in General Assembly and Synod rates. The assembly approved the 2013 per capita.

Church Transformation Team Report

Elder Ron Jensen and Rev. Anne Marshall

The key element in the report was the October 28 plan to have congregations share stories of ministry to and within the communities. More than a third of our congregations will participate in this "swap a roo".

Mission Partnership Work Group Report

Rev. Eric Erickson and Elder Jo Lucas

This is a "call" for Light in Darkness Award work. Light in Darkness is meant to shine a light on work that is making a difference in communities across the presbytery. Some of us prepare hot meals, some of us provide space for PFLAG to meet, some of us provide space for Spanish-speaking diabetics to be educated (in Spanish) about the disease. Some of us provide a library for

people held in the local jail, some of us fight pornography in our communities. Some of us work to lighten the carbon footprint of our church buildings and of our homes and some of us prepare ourselves to serve in disaster situations. Some of us provide a space for spiritual direction and some for those addressing addictions. Some of us are providing gardens for members and the neighborhood.

It is encouraging for us to share the stories of work that is making a difference in our communities. Think about your community and ways your congregation is engaged and send a story to Eric Erickson, Moderator of Mission Partnership, at <u>e-lee-e@sbcglobal.net</u>. Please include your contact information and please do this by September 30.

Twenty congregations of the Presbytery gather the Peacemaking Offering. The Offering is gathered on World Communion Sunday. The PC(USA) urges local congregations to consider a portion of the Peacemaking Offering be devoted to the work of HIV/AIDS. Mission Partnership urges local congregations to consider a portion be devoted to the Presbytery Partnership with the International Center of Bethlehem. "Peacemaking: The Believers Calling," reminds us of the central place of Peacemaking in our life together.

Mission Partnership is served by: David Dietrich, David Brookman, Shane O'Neill, Bob Ivie, Jo Lucas, June Ramage Rogers, Jane Warren, Scott Hill, Frank Hainer, Eric Erickson-Moderator.

Committee on Ministry Report

Elder Jean Beaver reported for the Committee on Ministry.

Summary of COM Actions Taken from May 9, 2012 through August 14, 2012

The Committee on Ministry asks the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to take the following actions:

- 1. Approve the request of the Rev. David Flucke for honorable retirement effective August 31, 2012. (G-2.0503c)
- 2. Approve the following recommendation for a 3% increase in Minimum Compensation for 2013. (G-3.0303c.). See page 3 for a comparison of 2012 with recommendation for 2013 Minimum Compensation.

	Teaching Elders	Commissioned Ruling Elders	Other items
No Manse	\$43,541	\$32,655	
			Weddings \$150
w/ Manse	\$33,493	\$25,119	Funerals \$125
Manse	\$10,048	\$ 7,536	Moderating \$ 75 +IRS mileage
			Pulpit Sup. \$100 and \$150 + IRS
			Mileage
SECA 7.65%			
Pension (33%)	\$14,369	\$10,776	
Study Allow.	\$ 800	\$ 800	

Note that Board of Pensions dues will increase to 33% in 2013.

Jean moved the action items on behalf of the committee. Following discussion the motion carried.

FOR INFORMATION

At the August 14, 2012 meeting the Committee on Ministry:

- 1. Approved the Lifelong Learning Launchpad Proposal and recommended that Council fund the project. The Lifelong Learning Launchpad will engage newly ordained ministers in the Presbytery of Ohio Valley in a process of mutual learning and support which will be coordinated by the Rev. Dr. David Sawyer, Professor of Ministry (retired), Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary. Dr. Sawyer will receive no compensation for his work in this program. Costs will be incurred for retreats, books, and membership in the Oates Institute, an online organization that provides continuing education for ministry professionals.
- 3. Approved a new contract form for Extended Pulpit Supply which will be used in several congregations this fall and reviewed at the COM's November meeting.
- 4. Approved a revised Code of Ethics for members of the COM.
- 5. Heard reports from Regional Ministry Teams.
- 6. Approved contracts as follows:

Note: All contracts and calls assume the standard vacation time, study leaves, and holidays unless otherwise noted.

A. Cayuga Presbyterian Church of Cayuga, Indiana, and Rev. Hana D. Johnson, serving as Temporary Supply Pastor

Duties include: 1. Conduct weekly services of worship. 2. Participate and encourage participation in the life of the Presbytery. 3. Administration of the sacraments. 4. Pastoral care of members, including shut-ins and sick. 5. Encourage the congregation in mission and evangelism outreach, and represent Christ and the Church in the community.

Period	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension	
4/1/2012	Approx.	\$10,836.40	\$10,000	Vch.IRS	Standard	Standard	\$800		ОК
to	15 hours			rate			(vouchered)		
3/31/2013	per								
	week								

B. Brown County Presbytery Fellowship of Nashville, Indiana, and Rev. Dr. Scott Seay to serve as Temporary Supply Pastor.

Duties include: 1. Conduct weekly services of worship and administer the sacraments. 2. Offer pastoral care, especially to those who are homebound, grieving or sick and to others with special needs or concerns. 3. Participate and encourage congregational participation in the life of the Presbytery. 4. Serve as moderator of session and congregation. 5. Conduct weddings and funerals. 6. Participate in church fellowship events and activities. 7. Pray with and for the congregation.

Perio	od	Hrs./wk	Salary	Housing	Auto Mi.	Study L	Pd.Vac	Cont.Ed.	Pension	
5/15,	/2012	Approx.	\$20,722		\$5,100 *	Standard	Standard	\$800		OI
to		20-25								
5/14	/2013	hours/wk								

Retirement Account: \$2,400

ОК

- 7. Approved the minutes of the May 11, 2012 stated COM meeting.
- 8. Confirmed the following E-votes:
 - **a.** Approved Ruling Elders Dana Cook and Tom Cook to serve communion at Charlestown Presbyterian Church August 18 and 26 during David Flucke's vacation.
 - **b.** Approved Teaching Elder Mark Porter as Moderator for Charlestown effective September 1, 2012.
 - **c.** Approved Teaching Elder Alan Finnan as Moderator for the Farmersburg congregation.
 - **d.** Approved Ruling Elder Wally Hines to be commissioned as Moderator for Jefferson Canaan and Smyrna Monroe and to officiate the sacraments for those congregations
 - **e.** Approved the following documents: Eligibility Criteria for Inclusion on the Pulpit Supply List, Application for Inclusion on the Pulpit Supply List, and the Worksheet as corrected.
- 9. The COM prayed for the following congregations and pastors: Clarksville, Grace and Rev. Charlie Pye; Mitchell and Rev. Sara Shields, Temporary Supply Pastor; Roachdale, the session and their pulpit supply; Petersburg, Main Street and Rev. Boyd Heldring; Madison and Rev. David Young, Interim Pastor; Dale and Rev. Martha FrizLanger.

Please note that new information regarding eligibility for being included on the POV pulpit supply list and a worksheet for congregations seeking a guest preacher, as well as an application for inclusion on the pulpit supply list are now on the website. The list of teaching and ruling elders and seminarians available for pulpit supply is being revised and will be posted on the POV website in October.

Recognition of the Honorable Retirement of the Rev. David Flucke By the Presbytery of Ohio Valley

The Assembly celebrated and recognized the retirement of the Rev David Flucke, pastor of Charlestown Community Church. Elder Jeff Renschler of Charlestown Community and Rev. Aaron Flucke, pastor of Lexington Presbyterian Church spoke of David's years of service and the impact he has had on individuals, the church and family.

The Moderator conducted a service of recognition of the retirement and presented a certificate of Honorable Retirement.

Mission Council Report

Rev. Susan McGhee, Moderator

For Presbytery's Information

The Mission Council held a conference call meeting on June 6, 2012, and took the following action:

1. Received a request from the Mission Partnerships Work Group to make a financial contribution to Bright Stars of Bethlehem (one of our mission partners), and voted to donate \$5,000 to their matching funds campaign.

The Mission Council held a conference call meeting on June 20, 2012, and took the following action:

1. Acting as a commission of Presbytery, adopted a resolution (attached) to create an administrative commission to work with the session of First Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, toward the closure of that congregation.

The Mission Council held an electronic vote, beginning August 8, 2012, and took the following action:

1. Upon nomination by COM Moderator Deborah Fortel, elected Kevin Fleming to serve as Vice-Moderator of the Committee on Ministry.

The Mission Council met on August 17-18, 2012, at Pyoca Camp and Conference Center, and took the following actions:

- 1. Received reports of Presbytery officers and staff
- 2. Worked with Elder Jean Beaver in a process of appreciative inquiry and planning
- 3. Received and voted to support the recommendation of the Trustees for the 2013 Budget, and made necessary funds available from Presbytery reserves to bring the budget into balance
- 4. Endorsed a recommendation from the Trustees to make an emergency loan in the amount of \$15,000 to First Avenue Presbyterian Church, Evansville, for HVAC replacement.
- 5. Received and approved a request from the session of the Salem Presbyterian Church to move from the NC Region to the SE Region.
- 6. Authorized funds to support the "Ministry Launch Pad," a two-year pilot project endorsed by the Committee on Ministry.

Council met by conference call on June 20,2012 and approved the following resolution.

Resolution for the Appointment of an Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church, Vincennes, Indiana

WHEREAS, The Presbytery of Ohio Valley has received several oral communications from members of the Vincennes community concerning reports of the closing and dissolution of the First Presbyterian Church of Vincennes.

WHEREAS, The Presbytery has taken certain steps to confirm the nature of these concerns and to obtain certain information from First Presbyterian Church and its pastoral leadership.

WHEREAS, the Presbytery received notice on June 13, 2012, of a congregational meeting held June 3, 2012, in which the congregation unanimously approved a motion to "cease all regularly scheduled services held in the building located at 101 N 5th Street as of July 29, 2012," and to "ask the Presbytery of Ohio Valley to dissolve the congregation effective November 1, 2012, or earlier of requested by the Session."

WHEREAS, Representatives of the Presbytery met with the Session on June 19, 2012, and discussed the background of the proposed action, the congregation's intentions for its future, and the Presbytery's role in these matters.

WHEREAS, Under such circumstances, the Book of Order at G-3.0109b authorizes the Presbytery to appoint an administrative commission for the First Presbyterian Church; and

WHEREAS, The following persons have each indicated his or her willingness to serve if so appointed to an administrative commission for the First Presbyterian Church.

Reverend Dennis Davenport Elder Mary McClellan Reverend Lant Davis Elder Fred Folz

Reverend Kevin Fleming

Now be it RESOLVED that: The following persons are appointed to serve on an administrative commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Vincennes:

Reverend Dennis Davenport Elder Mary McClellan

Reverend Lant Davis Elder Fred Folz

Reverend Kevin Fleming, Moderator

And be it further RESOLVED that this Administrative Commission shall be empowered to consider and conclude all matters referred to it by this Presbytery, including specifically the following charges:

- 1. To carry out the functions of the Book of Order as it relates to administrative commissions, including, but not limited to, those found in G-3.0109(b), including the provisions for fair process;
- 2. To invite the Session to name one of its members to serve as a liaison to the Administrative Commission

- 3. To acquire from the First Presbyterian Church, its session, officers, pastor and staff any records, documents, books, minutes, reports, accounts or other information of the First Presbyterian Church concerning the church, its property, its finances, its missions and mission giving, its plans for the future of the church, pastoral terms of call and compensation to any church employee, and any church affiliated entities or organizations;
- 4. To inquire into and obtain any records, documents, articles, bylaws, corporate documents, books, minutes, reports, accounts or other information;
- 5. To inquire into and obtain membership records, including contact information;
- 6. To inquire into and obtain any records, documents, books, minutes, reports, accounts or other information concerning the First Presbyterian Church's relationships with other religious or not for profit entities, the Presbytery, the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and other Presbyterian churches;
- 7. To require the First Presbyterian Church, its session, officers, pastor and staff to execute and provide any necessary authorizations and consents to obtain information from third parties such as banks, financial institutions, accountants, and so on to obtain any information covered by this Resolution;
- 8. To act with all the authority provided for in Book of Order G-3.0303;
- 9. To review and authorize any and all past, current or anticipated financial transactions, property dispositions or contracts entered into by the Church;
- 10. To direct and conduct an audit/financial review of all Church finances.
- 11. To review and direct the correction of any actions not consistent with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church, USA;
- 12. To require the Session and its Clerk to advise the Administrative Commission of regular and specially called meetings of the Session or of the Congregation of the First Presbyterian Church at least forty-eight (48) hours in advance of such meeting and not to proceed with any such meeting unless a member of the Administrative Commission designated by its moderator is able to be present and attend any such meeting;
- 13. To call special meetings of session, under the provision of G-10.0201 and special meetings of the congregation under the provisions of G-7.0303a;
- 14. To consult with attorneys for the Presbytery and to be assisted by the Presbytery's attorneys in carrying out its charges;
- 15. To consult with accountants or other professional advisors to the Presbytery and to be assisted by them in carrying out its charges;
- 16. To refer such matters that cannot or should not be resolved by it to the Presbytery and/or

Presbytery Council for judicial process (whether remedial or disciplinary) as may be warranted by the circumstances and the results of its inquiries;

- 17. To report its progress to the Presbytery and the Presbytery Council and officers from time to time and as required by Book of Order G-9.0502;
- 18. To conduct and fulfill such additional responsibilities that may be assigned to it as a commission or as a committee by the Presbytery or the Presbytery Council.

And be it further RESOLVED that this Administrative Commission may inform the Presbytery or the Presbytery Council if it determines that any additional powers should be granted to it including the power of original jurisdiction.

Speak Out Session

Members of presbytery shared information not contained in the docketed business. Among the issues discussed were: Events within the North Central area, planned activity in the POV Academy, a new shared college ministry in Bloomington, a Clinical Pastoral Education program at Bloomington Hospital, an anniversary at Mount Vernon First, the upcoming Laws Lecture at Columbus First and additional announcements.

Stewardship Work Group Report

No report.

Report from Administrative Commissions

<u>Sellersburg New Church Developments Administrative Commission Report</u> Elder Greg Gibson, Moderator

Blessings to you from our Lord Jesus Christ! The Administrative Commission for the Sellersburg New Church Development (NCD) has been and is continuing to experience a great deal of excitement and anticipation as we strive to discern God's direction for the people in and around the Sellersburg community.

During the last week of July, several members of the commission attended the NCD Conference in Tampa FL. While there, we learned a great deal about our denomination's creative means of delivering the gospel. During the weekend of Sept 7, the commission will meet to debrief to determine the next step(s) God wants us to take in bringing the gospel to the people in and around Sellersburg. We cover your prayers during this vital time.

New Covenant/Palmyra Churches Administrative Commission Report

The Rev. Larry Langer, Chair

All of the work has been done to close the churches and clean up the property.

We are waiting on the new Not-For-Profit to be formed and recognized so we can transfer the remaining assets to the new Lord's Warehouse, Inc.

Olivet Administrative Commission Report

The Rev. Lant Davis, Moderator

The Supreme Court of Indiana ("the Court"), having accepted "transfer" (essentially, an appeal) of the case from the Indiana Court of Appeals, heard oral argument on September 1, 2011. On July 31, 2012, in a 3-2 decision, the Court issued its opinion, a copy of which is posted on the Presbytery's website. The Court ruled as follows: (a) of the two approaches approved by the United States Supreme Court for determining disputes such as these, the Court expressed its preference for the "neutral-principles-of-law" approach, rather than the alternative "polity" or "hierarchical" approach; (b) with respect to the Olivet church property, Olivet created no "express trust" in favor of the Presbytery; (c) the facts that Olivet and the Presbytery agreed to as a basis for their respective motions for summary judgment were not sufficiently clear to allow the Court to determine whether an "implied trust" on that church property existed in favor of the Presbytery. The Supreme Court of Indiana currently intends to send the case back to the Vanderburgh Circuit Court for a trial on the issue of whether an implied trust existed.

On August 30, 2012, the Presbytery filed a motion with the Supreme Court of Indiana asking the Court to clarify or reconsider its ruling on the express trust and on certain procedural (summary judgment) issues. Olivet's counsel will now have an opportunity to respond (by September 18). As with the main decision, the Court may take as long to rule as it likes.

As of August 31, 2012, the legal expenses of the Presbytery amount to \$319,788. This legal work commenced in 2006 and concerned, among other things, the Presbytery's final vote on Olivet's request for dismissal, drafting a lease for presentation to Olivet (which was never signed), negotiations concerning the property (including two formal mediations under the supervision of the court), the cross-motions for summary judgment on stipulated record at the trial court level, the appeal, briefing, and oral argument to the Indiana Court of Appeals, and the transfer, briefing, and oral argument to the Indiana Supreme Court.

<u>Charlestown Community Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission Report</u> Rev. David Young, Moderator

The Administrative Commission to the Charlestown Community Presbyterian Church is continuing its work on behalf of the presbytery.

A major and important part of our work has been a review of financial reports of the congregation. That review was conducted by the outside accounting firm of McCauley, Nicolas & Company, LLC, of Jeffersonville, IN. Their report was presented to the AC and to the session on July 31. A summary report by the AC was prepared and presented to the session on August 21 and mailed to the congregation on August 28. (A copy of this report is included in the information for this Assembly meeting. The "Best Practices" which are referenced in this summary report are also available, upon request.)

In addition to work of a financial nature, the AC has utilized the expertise of the Rev. Dr. David Sawyer in facilitating reconciling conversations between members of the congregation and its leaders. We will continue to endeavor to be a positive presence in the life of the Charlestown congregation.

One change in our work has occurred with the retirement of the Rev. David Flucke, effective August 31, 2012. Mr. Flucke's decision came to the attention of the AC on July 7. Since that time our work and our role has shifted somewhat to assist with all the transition issues that the pastor's retirement creates.

We are grateful to Pastor Flucke for his cooperation and understanding during the time in which we worked together. The AC wishes him and Karen and his family every blessing as they enter into a new phase of life.

As always, we ask for your prayers for the leaders and members of the Community Presbyterian Church and for the members of the Administrative Commission as we seek wisdom and discernment of God's call and claim upon our lives.

The AC members are: Rev. David Young, chair; Rev. Rob Craig, vice chair, Elder Karen Goodwell, clerk; Rev. Dr. Michelle Bartel, CRE Mike Beaver; Elder Dave Holt.

Summary Statement Concerning the Financial Review of Community Presbyterian Church

August 21, 2012

When the Administrative Commission (AC) was created by the Presbytery of Ohio Valley it was given several tasks. One of these was to address concerns raised by church members, including the financial health of the congregation, the disposition of the Blanche Kindred bequest, and church renovations.

After reviewing church financial records and conducting listening visits with church officers and members, the AC continued to have questions. Therefore the AC, in partnership with your session, engaged the services of the accounting firm of McCauley, Nicolas & Company, LLC, in Jeffersonville. Its job was to conduct a financial review of your church records for the fiscal year 2008-2009, the year when many of the questions and concerns became apparent.

A financial review is not an audit, which can be very expensive. A financial review is a helpful tool in assessing the overall state of the financial practices of an organization: Are proper checks and balances in place? Are "best practices" in evidence? A financial review is limited in scope and cannot be used to state absolutely either that all is well or that grave concerns exist.

McCauley, Nicolas & Company, LLC, completed its review of your finances for 2008-2009 and made a report to the session and the AC on July 31, 2012. This report includes information as well as recommendations. The recommendations are intended to assist the church in preparing financial information in accordance with Statements on Standards for Accounting and Review Services issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

The McCauley, Nicolas & Company, LLC, financial review did not uncover evidence of wrongdoing on the part of your pastor or session. Likewise, the combined statements of cash

receipts and disbursements did not reveal any evidence of abuse related to receipts and disbursements of funds.

During the meeting that the AC and the session held with the representative from McCauley, Nicolas & Company, LLC, the accountant pointed out a number of areas in which better financial controls should be implemented. The representative provided a list of best practices, which we have attached to this letter. These recommendations will lend transparency and provide reasonable assurance concerning the financial statements and should be implemented immediately by the session.

The AC endorses the adoption of the recommendations made by McCauley, Nicolas & Company, LLC. The AC has concluded that there is no evidence that has been provided to us that warrants any other action concerning past financial procedures. We encourage the session and congregation to adopt the attached recommendations as you move into the future and begin to focus on the process of healing the wounds that have festered, so that this church can continue to be a light in this community.

Faithfully Yours,

The Administrative Commission of the Ohio Valley Presbytery

The Rev. David E. Young, Ruling Elder Mike Beaver, The Rev. Rob Craig, The Rev. Dr. Michelle Bartel, Ruling Elder Karen Goodwell, Ruling Elder Dave Holt

Executive Presbyter Report

Rev. Susan McGhee

Susan McGhee offered reflection on her third anniversary in her role. She made special mention of the shared leadership of many in the total ministry of the presbytery. In particular Susan mentioned the membership of our active Administrative Commissions and of the staff.

New Business was not offered for consideration.

The Assembly concluded with the celebration of Communion by Rev. Michelle Bartel.

The Assembly adjourned with the benediction and prayers for safe travel at 3:07 p.m.

Rev. Lawrence Jackman Stated Clerk