

**PROPOSED DOCKET FOR THE STATED MEETING
OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MUSKINGUM VALLEY**

Saturday, June 12, 2010 – 10:00 A.M.

Veto Presbyterian Church of Vincent, Ohio

*Journeying with Jesus to touch the world—Empowered by the Spirit to:
Make Disciples, Nurture Our Faith, and Serve the Needs of Community*

The Body Gathers in Fellowship

9:00 am Blessing of the church, led by the Retreat Ministry Mission Group

9:30 am Registration and reading meeting materials

9:30 am Orientation of new commissioners

We Gather in Prayer

10:00 am Presbytery gathers with Prayer - Moderator Elder Paula Lane

Enrollment of Corresponding Members

Recognition of First-Time Minister and Elder Commissioners

We Worship

10:15 am Worship, including the commissioning of our delegation to the 219th General Assembly and of the Prayer Triplets

We Prepare for the General Assembly

11:15 am Marty Radcliff, Associate General Presbyter and Stated Clerk, will present

*Marty's Top Ten List of Issues Coming Before the General Assembly
and How You Can Follow the Assembly from Home*

We Break Bread

12:00 Noon Lunch

We Present Our Work to the Lord

12:45 pm Margaret Haney, Interim Executive, Synod of the Covenant

12:55 pm Report of the Stated Clerk/Omnibus Motion- Pastor Marty Radcliff

1:05 pm Report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry- Elder Cathy Piekarski

We examine Inquirer Ben George for advancement to Candidate

1:30 pm Report of the Committee on Ministry- Elder Larry Amstutz

We recognize ordination anniversaries and other milestones

2:00 pm Report of the Nominating Committee- Elder Joyce Rhamy

2:15 pm Report of the Mission Coordinating Council- Pastor Jeff Paschal

2:30 pm Update from the Mansfield First Administrative Commission

2:35 pm Report of the General Presbyter- Pastor Debbie Rundlett

3:10 pm Miscellaneous business

3:15 pm Adjournment with prayer

The next stated meeting of the Presbytery of Muskingum Valley will be held Saturday, October 9 at 10:00 A.M. at Wayne Presbyterian Church of Wooster, Ohio. The theme will be Faithful Stewards. We will also hold a Leadership Summit on Friday, September 10 with George Bullard from 8:30 A.M. to 4:30 P.M. at J.I.M.'s Place in New Philadelphia, followed by a New Mexican dinner at Debbie and Dick's home.

ACTION ITEMS
June 12, 2010

To examine Inquirer Ben George for advancement to candidacy. His statement of faith is attached. (CPM)

To act on the Committee on Ministry's recommendations for minimum compensation for 2011:

- That the minimum salary for 2011 be raised from \$40,640 to \$42,300 (a 4% increase).
- That all other minimum compensation and reimbursements remain the same, with the exception of the increase in pension dues necessitated by the salary increase.
- That Commissioned Lay Pastors receive the same minimum compensation as Ministers of Word and Sacrament.

A summary is attached.

To act on the slate of nominees proposed by the Nominating Committee:

- Elder Doug Drushal, Wooster Westminster Presbyterian Church, to serve on the Permanent Judicial Commission for the term that ends in 2014.
- Elder Kathy Adams, Perrysville First Presbyterian Church to serve on the Area I Committee on Ministry for a three year term.

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Benjamin George

I believe that the triune God seeks to be in relation with us, God's creation. God has revealed God's self in Scripture and through the work of God's son, Jesus Christ. Our understanding of Scripture is only possible by the illumination of the Spirit. Scripture reveals that God became human in the person of Jesus because of God's love for us. In the life, death, and resurrection of this sinless God-Man, we have been offered forgiveness of sins and eternal life. We respond to this offering of grace by living lives that embody love for God and neighbor.

We enact this love through worship, our communal response to God's ongoing action in our lives. "Through Scripture, proclamation, and Sacraments, God in Christ is present by the Holy Spirit acting to transform, empower, and sustain human lives" (W-1.1004). The Scripture and proclamation remind us of how God has been involved with the life of God's people. The Sacraments are "signs" that reveal God's continuing presence with us, and they are also "seals" that prepare us to serve God in the world (W-1.3033). Baptism marks us as part of God's community; through it, we display God's claim on our lives. In Communion, we are renewed in our relationship with Christ. And whether we experience it as The Last Supper or the Eschatological Banquet, we recognize that we are communing with Christ. In these Sacraments, the simple elements of water, bread, and wine demonstrate that we are united as a people of faith.

We are guided in this life of faith by the confessions of the church. The confessions serve as our ongoing interpretation of Scripture as we are faced with new situations; they display our affirmation of "Ecclesia reformata, semper reformanda." "The church reformed, always reforming." Thus, as new challenges arise, the church must put forth new confessions to address them. While all of the church universal does not subscribe to these confessions or to our form of government, we are still one church with Christ as our head and our ultimate authority.

Muskingum Valley Presbytery

Minimum Compensation 2011

For full-time service by Ministers of Word and Sacrament
and Commissioned Lay Pastors (52 hours per week) (1)
(These figures represent a 4% increase over the 2010 figures.)

Salary, Housing & Utilities (plus deferred income, if any)	\$42,300.00
Board of Pensions (2)	12,383.00
Travel (3)	2,500.00
Continuing Education (4)	1,000.00
TOTAL	\$58,183.00

Vacation 4 weeks
Study Leave (4) 2 weeks

The Salary, Housing and Utilities distribution is to be agreed upon by the pastor and the local church.

(1) Part-time work shall be compensated on a pro-rated basis

(2) How to calculate Pension dues:

A. Salary, Housing, Utilities, and deferred Income	\$42,300.00
B. Multiply Line A by .9235	39,064.05
C. Multiply Line B by .0765 2,765.15 (Social Security Allow.)	2,988.40
D. Subtract Line C from Line A 36,374.85 (Effective Salary)	39,311.60
E. Multiply Line D by .315 11,458.07 (Annual Pension Pymt)	12,383.15

(3) For a single church. \$3,739/year if yoked

(4) May accumulate up to \$3,000 (and six weeks). The amount is pro-rated for part-time service but the leave is not.

See the following publications for more information:

Understanding Effective Salary

<http://pensions.org/library/publications/publication/ptn-103.pdf>

Tax Guide for Ministers and Churches

<http://pensions.org/library/publications/publications/tax-000.pdf>

Social Security Tax Basics for Ministers and Churches

<http://pensions.org/library/publications/publications/pen-207.pdf>

Service/Salary Change Form

<http://pensions.org/library/forms/forms/enr-100.pdf>

Social Security and Other Information for Members of the Clergy and Religious Workers

<http://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p517.pdf>

Terms of call forms on the MVP website

<http://www.mvpjourneyingwithjesus.org>

APPENDIX B

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK June 12, 2010

OMNIBUS MOTION:

To approve the minutes of the March 20, 2010 stated meeting.

CORRESPONDENCE:

From Christopher Nicholas, Budget Manager and Assistant Stated Clerk, a letter dated April 26, 2010 inquiring about an unpaid balance in the General Assembly per capita apportionment for the presbytery.

REPORTS:

At the request of the Nominating Committee I made the following appointment: Elder Kathy Adams (Perrysville) to Area 1 Committee on Ministry.

The Permanent Judicial Commission tried the matter of the Presbyterian Church (USA) v. Robert A. Hauser on April 28, 2010. The full decision will be read at the meeting and will be entered into the minutes.

The Synod of the Covenant reviewed the presbytery's minutes for 2009 and has approved them without exception.

The Administrative Commission we created to close the Malvern Bethlehem Church reports that its work is nearly complete. The building has been sold to another church. The legal description is as follows: Lots 209 and 210 in John H. Wilson's Second Addition to the Town of Malvern, Parcel Number 07-0060015.000.

The following churches have been awarded funds from the Frank E. Clark Charitable Trust through the Synod of the Covenant:

- Mt. Hermon Presbyterian Church, Cambridge
\$1,000 toward a new furnace;
- Brighton Presbyterian Church, Zanesville
\$1,000 toward new basement windows;
- Hanoverton Presbyterian Church, Hanoverton
\$1,000 toward storm windows;
- First Presbyterian Church, Minerva
\$1,000 toward bathroom renovations; and
- Norwich Presbyterian Church, Norwich
\$500 toward insulation.