



A recap of the...
NOVEMBER 9, 2021
PRESBYTERY GATHERING

The Presbytery of Cincinnati gathered on November 9 via Zoom again. 111 voting members signed on, along with 17 non-voting members (corresponding members, visitors, presbytery staff, and a certified church administrator), representing 52 of our 67 congregations. Here are some highlights:

The Presbytery reported a number of **ACTIONS** through its committees and took additional actions at this gathering:

Welcomed the Rev. Dr. Margaret Richardson Zedan from Winnebago Presbytery as a new member.

Authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper by various presbytery groups for 2022.

Reviewed the 2020 minutes and records of 33 sessions:

Recognized the Administrative Personnel Association certification of Deborah Senile, Administrative Assistant at Glendale Presbyterian Church.

Approved the following changes to pastoral leadership:

- **Rev. Roberta Bella** (pastor, Pleasant Run), dismissed to Maumee Valley Presbytery;
- **Rev. Kate Mauch**, part-time stated supply and moderator of **Trinity**
- **Elder Barbara Jean Havens** (member, Christ), ruling elder commissioned to pastoral service and moderator of session of **Winchester**;
- **Rev. Louisa Umphries** to serve as Co-pastor with **Rev. Nancy-Ross Zimmerman** at Lakeside.

Elected officers, committee members, committee chairs, and commissioners:

- **To COM** - **Steven Bruening** (RE, Mt. Washington), **Sharon Carter** (TE, Community of Faith), **Nate Manzo** (TE, Williamsburg), **Tim McQuade** (TE, St. John's Westminster), **Kathy Martin** (RE, Union), **Stacey Midge** (TE, Mt. Auburn), **John Robson** (RE, Dayton 1st), **Ben Shaw** (TE, Montgomery), and **Bob Weston** (RE, Sycamore) & **Brad Shepherd** (TE, Immanuel) as Co-chairs;
- **To CPM** - **Tyler Pettigrew** (TE, West Chester), chair
- **To Council** - **Jeffrey Lang** (TE, Glendale), **Robert Sullivan** (RE, West Cincinnati)
- **To Trustees** - **Ken Carl** (RE, Sycamore), **Steve Grant** (RE, North), **Donna Robinson** (RE, Carmel), **Anne Marshall** (TE, Wyoming), and **Doug Duckett** (RE, Knox), chair of
- **Commissioner to the 225th GA** - **Abby King Kaiser** (TE, Validated Ministry);
- **Commissioner to the Synod** - **Joe Salvato** (RE, Glendale)
- **To COR**: **Ross Reddick** (TE, Sycamore), **Kevin Waters** (TE, Pleasant Plain)

Installed Carol Buckhout (RE, Ft. Thomas) as Moderator of the Presbytery and **Ebenezer Yebuah** (TE, Kennedy Heights) as Vice-Moderator of the Presbytery.

Approved the 2022 operating budget of the presbytery.

Concurred with an overture of the Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery (OVT-050) to offer an apology to African Americans for the Sin of Slavery and explore reparations.

Approved the dissolution of the North Presbyterian Church and Bond Hill Presbyterian Church and the sale of their properties.

Enrolled Katheryn Middlmas (member, Knox) as an Inquirer for Ministry.

Received an offering to the One Hopeful Fund of the Presbytery.

Remembered and honored ruling elders and teaching elders who died in the past year.



Although corporate worship is a challenge at a virtual meeting, the moderators led the presbytery in responsive expressions of gratitude for the work that was done throughout the meeting and for the faithful life and ministry of North, and Bond Hill, and the elders and ministers who completed their earthly journeys in the past year.



The Presbytery also heard several **PRESENTATIONS**:

- **DawnMarie Hayes**, Officer Manager of the Presbytery of Cincinnati, highlighted to new format and valuable information and resources found in the presbytery's weekly e-Newsletter, *The Cincinnati Sampler*.
- **Dr. Dianna Wright**, Director of Ecumenical and Interreligious Relations in the Office of the General Assembly brought greetings on behalf of the Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the GA, and the Rev. Dr. Diane Moffett, Director of the Presbytery Mission Agency, and spoke briefly about some ways the OGA is supporting the work of the Stated Clerk in the ecumenical and interreligious vision set forth by the GA.
- **Phuc Luu**, author of *Jesus of the East: Reclaiming the Gospel for the Wounded*, addressed the presbytery on the subject of Minjung or "People's Theology," a form of liberation theology that emerged out of a movement of healing and justice for female union workers in post war Korea.