



*A recap of the...*

## **NOVEMBER 15, 2022 PRESBYTERY GATHERING**

*The Presbytery of Cincinnati gathered on November 15, 2022 via Zoom. 77 voting members were present, along with 3 non-voting attenders (corresponding members and visitors), representing 35 of our 65 congregations. Here are some highlights:*

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

**Installed the Rev. Dr. Louisa Umphres** as pastor of Lakeside Presbyterian Church (formerly associate pastor).

**Granted term limit extensions** for Ruling Elders of 2 congregations.

**Authorized the celebration of the Lord's Supper** for 2023 by various presbytery groups.

**Reviewed the minutes 42 of our 65 congregations' sessions.**

**Dissolved the call of the Rev. Mary Hayes** (pastor, Venice) at her request and with the concurrence of the congregation, to pursue a new call.

**Received into membership:**

- The Rev. **Kevin Murphy** (HR) from Miami Valley Presbytery
- The Rev. **Margaret Shreve** (At-large) from Chicago Presbytery

**Designated** The Rev. **William Hardy as Honorably Retired.**

**Appointed Moderators** for several sessions and meetings of congregations.

**Voted on 15 of the 33 proposed amendments to the Book of Order from the 225<sup>th</sup> GA:**

- Affirmative: Amendments A, B, C, E, M, N, T, V, W, X, Y, Z, AA, BB
- Negative: Amendment U

(The full text of these amendments can be found at:

<https://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga225-proposed-amendments-constitution/>)

**Installed** the Rev. **Ebenezer Yebuah** (Kennedy Heights) as moderator of the presbytery, and Elder **Reggie Roberts** (Third) as vice-moderator.

**Elected** members and chairs to various committees, commissions, and the council of Presbytery.

**Approved the 2023 Presbytery Operating Budget** which included a \$1 increase in per capita (to \$34) and is a fully balanced budget.

**Enrolled Margaret Heidenreich** (member, Covenant First, student at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary) as a candidate for the Ministry of Word and Sacrament.

The Presbytery also shared for **INFORMATION**:

The 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Financial Report of the Presbytery Operating Budget.

The work of the Synod of the Covenant, and the report of the October Synod Assembly.

The importance and requirements of the Presbytery's Sexual Misconduct Prevention Policy:

- Initial commitment to abide by the policy by all members of the presbytery
- Annual commitment to abide by the policy for all members still active in service
- Boundary training every 3 years by all members active in service.

The mission and ministry of various congregations in the presbytery, supported by the **One Hopeful Fund**.

The Presbytery joined together in **ACTS OF WORSHIP** through:

Expressions of gratitude to God for work done through the presbytery, Synod, and General Assembly

The Proclamation of the Word from Matthew 28:16-20, "Go and Make Disciples" by Rev. **Ebenezer Yebuah**, reminding us that "discipleship matters" and how important the vocation of all Christians to be Christ-like for others is in an America divided on political issues.

The reading of the names of those Elders and Ministers of the Word and Sacrament who have died in the past 12 months and a Litany for All Saints Day.

*The next Presbytery Gathering is Saturday February 18, 9 AM at Northminster Presbyterian Church.*