



A recap of the...

MAY 9, 2023

PRESBYTERY GATHERING

The Presbytery of Cincinnati gathered on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at the Indian Hill Presbyterian Episcopal Church. 66 voting members were present, along with 8 non-voting attenders (corresponding members, staff, and visitors), representing 33 of our 65 congregations. The minutes of the meeting are available upon request. Here are some highlights:

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

Ensured there was a balance of teaching elder and ruling elder voting members of the Presbytery

Approved a One Hopeful Fund grant for Northwest Community Church's Camp IMPACT

Dissolved the call of the Rev. **Stacey Midge**, pastor, **Mt. Auburn**

Terminated the covenant of Elder **Robert Obermeyer**, commissioned pastor, **Eastminster**

Approved or renewed calls and covenants for pastoral leadership for:

- **Rachel Boden**, associate pastor, **Sycamore**, pending her examination for ordination
- The Rev. **David Annett**, stated supply, **Cranston-Memorial**
- The Rev. **Troy Bronsink**, stated supply, **Pleasant Run**
- The Rev. **David Sugarbaker** (Disciples), stated supply, **West Union**
- The Rev. **Holly Robertson**, stated supply **Dayton First (KY)**
- Elder **Demetrius Springer**, worship leader, **Third**
- Elder **Jack Kleier**, worship leader, **Third**.

Designated the work of the Rev. **Yundon Jong** a validated ministry

Appointed Moderators for several sessions and meetings of congregations

Approved MIFs for the **Christ, Batavia** congregations

Received into membership, upon dismissal from their previous presbyteries:

- The Rev. **David A. Choate** (at-large, Lackawanna)
- The Rev. **Rose Taul** (HR, Transylvania)
- The Rev. **Stanley Webster** (HR, Holston)

Voted on a second set of the 33 proposed amendments to the Book of Order from the 225th GA: Affirmative: Amendments D, CC, DD, EE, FF, GG, all related to the changes in the Rules of Discipline, or replacement of that section with a new section titles Church Discipline. (The full text of these amendments can be found at: <https://www.pcusa.org/resource/ga225-proposed-amendments-constitution/>)
Elected 4 new members to the Presbytery's Commission on Ministry.

Examined and approved the ordination of candidate Sharon Clegern (Knox), to the validated ministry of Director of Congregational Care at Pleasant Ridge

The Presbytery also shared for **INFORMATION**:

Summaries of **the annual statistical report** of the Presbytery and of its congregations.

Summaries of **pastoral compensation**, as provided by congregations.

The 1st Quarter 2023 **Financial Report** of the Presbytery Operating Budget

The work of the **Synod of the Covenant**, and the report of the May **Synod Assembly**

The **One Hopeful Fund** and its impact

The ministry, vision, and plans of the presbytery's **Korean Church**

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

An opening Song of Praise and closing Song of Gratitude

A litany of celebration of the newly launched **Evergreen Presbyterian Church**, formed by the merger of the **Blue Ash and Montgomery** churches, which followed a video of the history of the two congregations and the opening worship service of the new congregation

An offering for the presbytery's **One Hopeful Fund**

The **Celebration of the Lord's Supper**

The next Presbytery Gathering is Saturday, August 12, 9:00 AM at the Presbyterian Church of Wyoming.