## Muskingum Valley Presbytery Administrative Commission – Reedurban Presbyterian Church November 30, 2023

The initial meeting of the Muskingum Valley Presbytery Administrative Commission for Reedurban Presbyterian Church was called to order at 10:05am by consensus of those assembled.

Rev. Bob Meyer opened the meeting with prayer.

## AC members present:

Rev. Tim Dyck, Carrolton PC Rev. Bob Meyer, Honorably Retired Frank Walburg, RE, Trinity Zanesville PC Tabatha Williams, CRE, Loudonville/Perrysville PCs Roger Sibert, RE, Massillon Central PC

Excused: Rev. Rami Almaqdasi, Millersburg First PC

Guest: Jack Robinson, Elder Reedurban PC

Elder Jack Robinson gave a summary of the current state of the church. Some highlights included:

- Jack is in charge of the grounds
- Church of God in Canton has expressed interest in purchasing the building
- The Jesus Spot is no longer renting space from them
- The Preschool rents space from them and is still functioning
- Office Administrator Janice works Mon-Thurs: 8:30-12:30
- Pulpit supply is lined up
  - December CRE candidate Lisa Machar
  - January Mark Armstrong
- Currently at 46 members, with 18-20 in worship weekly
- Treasurer is Carol Fry

Elder Jack Robinson then departed the meeting.

The agenda as presented was approved.

Each Administrative Commission (AC) member then introduced themselves and gave some information about their background.

## Motions were approved to elect the following AC members as officers:

- Rev. Tim Dyck, Moderator
- Rev. Bob Myer, Vice-Moderator
- Elder Roger Sibert, Clerk

The group then then had a lively discussion about the mission of the AC, starting with the premise that our call is to be the spiritual leaders of this congregation.

In order to achieve that, we agreed that our first activities would be to assess the current state of affairs. This will be achieved by following this general outline in the order presented.

1. Hold a "Congregational Gathering" with the purpose of 1)introducing ourselves to the church membership, 2) defining our purpose, and 3) allowing the membership to share their feelings and describe the issues they are currently facing. The tentative date for this gathering will be Sunday, January 28, 2024 at 2:00pm. We will also seek written comments from those members who are unable to attend in person.

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- 2. Talk to GP Matt Skolnik.
- 3. Talk to recent pastors.
  - a. Katherine Ophart & Tom Houston
  - b. Mike Baker
  - c. Lynn Shetzer
- 4. Possibly talk to Ben & Jackie Kariuki (Total Living Center)
- 5. Possibly talk to the last serving Session members as a separate group

Other activities that will be taking place concurrently will be as follows:

- Frank will contact Treasurer Carol Fry to obtain recent financial information
- Roger will review recent Session minutes and bring pertinent information to our next meeting
- Tim will work with Office Administrator Janice to set up the congregational gathering
- Tim to set up a zoom call with Matt Skolnik, probably prior to the congregational gathering

The AC then took up some outstanding administrative work of Reedurban Presbyterian.

Motion approved to remove Sue Larke from membership rolls due to her passing on October 4, 2023.

Motion approved to grant Linda Rohler membership transfer to John Knox Presbyterian Church in N. Canton, Ohio at her request.

Motion approved to grant the request of David Keener of Alcoholics Anonymous to use the church building on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm (in addition to the current Sunday meetings).

Motion approved to appoint Jack Robinson as *Chartered Organization Representative* and Roger Sibert, clerk as *Executive Officer* for Boy Scouts of America contact purposes.

Motion approved to adjourn at 12:48pm. Moderator Rev. Tim Dyck closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Elder Roger Sibert, clerk