

Report of the Stated Clerk

Motions for the December 11, 2024, Stated Meeting of Muskingum Valley Presbytery

Motion coming from the Session of First Presbyterian Church of New Philadelphia to obtain permission to extend the term of office for Douglas McIntire as Ruling Elder to serve on the Session. This is due in part to a nominated candidate for Ruling Elder dropping out of the role for personal reasons and no other candidate eligible to serve currently. This would be for the Ruling Elder Class of 2028.

Motion coming from the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Loudonville to obtain permission to extend the term of office for Doug Cowen as Ruling Elder to serve on Session for the Class of 2028. This is due to the declining membership and no one else willing to serve.

Session Minutes Review

The following congregations completed their Session Minutes Review for 2023:

First United Presbyterian Church of Alliance
Antrim Presbyterian Church
Barlow Presbyterian Church
Bellville Presbyterian Church
Belpre Pioneer Presbyterian Church
Beverly Presbyterian Church
Cambridge Presbyterian Church
Christ Presbyterian Church
Church of the Covenant Presbyterian
Canton Reedurban Presbyterian
Clark Community Church
Coshocton Presbyterian Church
Dennison First Presbyterian Church
Duncan Falls First Presbyterian Church
Loudonville First Presbyterian Church
Malta Deerfield Presbyterian Church
Marietta First Presbyterian Church
Massillon Central Presbyterian Church
McConnelsville First Presbyterian Church
Minerva First Presbyterian Church
New Concord College Drive
New Philadelphia First Presbyterian Church
North Canton John Knox Presbyterian Church
Northminster Presbyterian Church
Old Washington First Presbyterian Church
Perrysville First Presbyterian Church

Plymouth First Presbyterian Church
Rittman Milton Presbyterian Church
Seville Presbyterian Church
Shreve Presbyterian Church
Uhrichsville First Presbyterian Church
Wooster First Presbyterian Church
Wooster Westminster Presbyterian Church
Zanesville Central Presbyterian Church
Zanesville Putnam Presbyterian Church
Zanesville Trinity Presbyterian Church

If any Clerk of Session who did not attend a Session Minutes Review or make alternate arrangements still wants to get their Session minutes approved for 2023, please contact Alison Blondheim, Stated Clerk prior to the end of the year.

It is that time of year to begin thinking about our Annual Statistical Forms for 2024. Below are the dates related to them. Clerks of Session or whomever is responsible for entering the statistics in the online Statistics Portal will have from January 2 – February 15, 2025. After that you will have to submit your church's statistics to Alison Blondheim, Stated Clerk to enter for you. We will send out an email relating to this later in December.

- **December 2, 2024:** Statistics entry tools will open for presbyteries.
- **January 2, 2025: Statistics entry tools will open for churches.**
- **February 15, 2025: Last day the statistics entry option will be available to churches.**
- **February 15, 2025:** Minister summary reports along with all minister change forms relating to 2024 actions due. (This will permit production of Minister ID cards in mid-February.)
- **March 3, 2025:** Synod/presbytery miscellaneous and mid council cost forms due.
- **March 3, 2025:** Last day the statistics entry option will be available for presbyteries. No late statistical reports will be accepted after this date.
- **March 15, 2025:** Church summary reports along with all church change forms relating to 2024 actions due.

Preventing Childhood Sexual Abuse

Synod of the Covenant will partner with LeaderWise to provide zoom Preventing Childhood Sexual Abuse Training, which is **mandated** by the Book of Order. (Note: We are NOT providing LeaderWise's Boundaries Training in 2025.) Here are the dates:

- March 1, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- March 19-20, 6:00 to 8:30 pm
- May 12-13, 9:00 to 11:30 am

- Sept 17-18, 6:00 to 8:30 pm
- Oct 9-10, 9:00 to 11:30 am

Up to 50 people can register for each of these workshops, with a goal of no more than 40 in attendance. Like in 2024, attendees who sign up for workshops later in the year will get periodic reminders about the upcoming dates. Chip Hardwick, Synod Exec. will work with LeaderWise to make sure that they keep the registration up to date based on sign-ups. He will also set up a meeting with their contact Mary Kay Du Chene in early 2025 as many of you would like to give her feedback about LeaderWise's work for us.

Presbytery Meeting Calendar for 2025

Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. – Location to be determined – we will be voting on General Assembly Amendments at this meeting. The full booklet on the proposed amendments will be loaded on the MVP website for your review.

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. – Location to be determined

Saturday, September 13, 2025 at 10:00 A.M. - Location to be determined

Tuesday, December 9, 2025 at 6:00 P.M. - Location to be determined

If you would like to host a Stated Meeting of Presbytery in 2025, please let Matt Skolnik or Alison Blondheim know as soon as possible.

