

**Pastoral Transitions Commission
Report to Presbytery
December 2 , 2025**

1. Since the last presbytery meeting, the PTC has met on September 4, October 2, and November 6, 2025. Actions taken on July 31, but not reported to presbytery in August, are included in this report.
2. The commission has taken these actions:

Reception of Teaching Elders

- 7/31/25, Elizabeth Herrinton-Hodge was transferred from Mid-Kentucky Presbytery to the Presbytery of Transylvania.
- 7/31/25, Julie Johnson was transferred from the Presbytery of Chicago to the Presbytery of Transylvania.
- 10/2/25, Susan Moorefield was transferred from Ohio Valley Presbytery to the Presbytery of Transylvania.

Dismissal of Teaching Elders

- 11/6/25, Linda Kurtz released with regret from Presbytery of Transylvania to Presbytery of the James.

Calls/Covenants approved, reviewed, changed, ended

- 7/31/25, the terms of call as stated supply minister between Elizabeth Herrinton-Hodge and First Presbyterian Church, Georgetown were approved for September 1, 2025 to December 31, 2026
- 7/31/25, the terms of call for Julie Johnson to serve as pastor of the Versailles Presbyterian Church were approved, effective October 25, 2025.
- 7/31/25, the resignation of Barry Bainum as commissioned ruling elder at Sharon Presbyterian Church was accepted with regret.
- 9/4/25, Greg Cooper was approved as commissioned pastor at First Presbyterian Church, Millersburg.
- 9/4/25, Brad Napier was approved as pastor at First Presbyterian Church, London, effective September 29, 2025. This concluded his service to the First Presbyterian Church, Stanford.
- 10/2/25, James O'Neil DeAtley was approved as commissioned pastor to preach and serve communion at First Presbyterian Church, Maysville, subject to Cincinnati giving permission for him to work outside of their boundary.
- 10/2/25, the terms of call for Bill Reed, who serves as temporary supply minister at Troy Presbyterian Church, were extended from November 1, 2025 to January 31, 2026.
- 10/2/25, the terms of call as temporary supply minister between Susan Warren and

Troy Presbyterian Church, were approved, effective February 1, 2026.
11/6/25, Carrie Cox, Reformed Old Catholic Church, was approved to serve communion at First Presbyterian Church, Maysville.

Moderators appointed

9/4/25, Michael Bean was appointed moderator at First Presbyterian Church, Stanford.
9/4/25, Curtis Christian was appointed moderator at White's Memorial Church, Berea.
11/6/25, Jennifer Jones Powell was appointed moderator at First Presbyterian Church, Maysville, effective October 7, 2025.
11/6/25, Mike Chamberlain was appointed moderator at Mt. Horeb Presbyterian Church, Lexington, effective immediately.

Commission to Ordain and/or Install

11/6/25, commission for the installation of Julie Johnson at Versailles Presbyterian Church at 2:00 p.m. on November 1, 2025.

Ruling Elders:

David Whiteman, moderator, Presbytery of Transylvania
Ginny Shanda, Second Presbyterian Church, Lexington
John Hutcherson, Versailles Presbyterian Church

Ministers of the Word and Sacrament

Melissa Bane Sevier, honorably retired
Wanda B. Olive, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Winchester
Philip Lotspeich, general presbyter, Presbytery of Transylvania

Corresponding Members

Ruthanne Johnson, ruling elder, First Presbyterian Church, London
Gordon E. Johnson, Pastor *Emeritus*, First Presbyterian Church, London
Jeff Schooley, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Bowling Green, Ohio

11/6/25, approved commission for the installation of Brad Napier at London Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. on November 16, 2025:

Ruling Elders:

Katy Ackerman, First Presbyterian Church, London
Candace Lang, Whites Memorial Presbyterian Church, Berea
David Hoskins, Corbin Presbyterian Church
David Whiteman, moderator, Presbytery of Transylvania

Ministers of the Word and Sacrament

Curtis Christian, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Richmond
Michael Dempsey, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Lancaster
Michael Bean, honorably retired
Michael Ward, honorably retired

Corresponding Member
Jesse Armstrong, pastor, First Baptist Church

Retired Status Granted

9/24/25, the retirement of Janice Stamper, effective January 1, 2026, was approved.

Validated Ministry approval

none

Member-at-Large status granted

none

Pastor Nominating Committee approved

10/2/25, the Stanford Presbyterian Church was authorized to form a PNC.

Ministry Discernment Profile approved

none

Other

11/6/25, completed Presbytery Goals Report Card

11/6/25, completed goals for 2026

The PTC continues to monitor the completion of Boundary Training and Sexual Misconduct Training by presbytery elders.

3. Recommendations for Presbytery Action:

The PTC recommends approval of the 2026 Minimum Terms of Call.