

**Code of Regulations
of
Westminster Presbyterian Church
of
Dayton, Ohio**

As Amended

October 23, 1949	February 10, 1991
January 13, 1954	October 25, 1992
January 11, 1959	June 4, 1995
October 20, 1971	November 4, 2012
February 16, 1972	February 22, 2015
February 21, 1973	February 28, 2016
October 24, 1973	

ARTICLE I. Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Sec. 1. Westminster Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). All officers, boards, committees, task forces, plans and work of the church shall be in harmony with and conform to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

ARTICLE II. Members

Sec. 1. The membership of the congregation of Westminster Presbyterian Church of Dayton, Ohio shall consist of all active members of the church.

ARTICLE III. Meetings

Sec. 1. The annual meeting of the congregation shall be held in February at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

Sec. 2. The quorum of a meeting of the congregation shall be not less than one tenth of the members.

ARTICLE IV. Church Officers

Sec. 1. The congregation shall elect the Pastor and Associate Pastor(s), who shall be ordained/installed by the Presbytery of the Miami Valley.

Sec. 2. Each year the congregation shall elect Elders and Deacons at the annual meeting of the congregation who shall be ordained/installed by the Session on or before the Day of Pentecost.

Sec. 3. The Session shall consist of the Pastor, Associate Pastor(s) and twelve Elders. The Elders shall be divided into three classes of four Elders each. Each class shall hold office for three years.

Sec. 4. Each Elder elected to the Session shall also serve as a Trustee of Westminster Presbyterian Church. The Trustees shall elect a President solely to perform those duties required by Ohio law. The Trustees shall also elect a Treasurer to perform those duties required by Ohio Law and the Book of Order. The term of office for the President and Treasurer of the Trustees shall be for one year.

Sec. 5. The Board of Deacons shall consist of eighteen Deacons divided into three classes of six Deacons each. Each class shall hold office for three years.

Sec. 6. No member may hold more than one office concurrently.

Sec. 7. No officer may be eligible for re-election to the same office until after one year has elapsed following the expiration of a three-year term. However, a church officer who has just completed a partial term may be nominated for election to a full three-year term for the same office.

ARTICLE V. Standing Committees

Sec. 1. The Nominating Committee shall consist of nine members. The congregation shall elect six members for a one-year term. The Session shall appoint two active Elders for staggered two-year terms, one of whom the Session shall designate as chairperson. The Board of Deacons shall appoint one active Deacon for a one-year term. The Pastor shall serve as a member of the committee ex officio without vote.

ARTICLE VI. Special Committees

Sec. 1. When the need to call a Pastor occurs, the congregation shall elect a Pastor Nominating Committee of nine members, after first seeking the guidance and permission of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. A slate of nine names, which shall include at least five members from the congregation at large, two active Elders, and one active Deacon, shall be presented to the congregation by the congregation's Nominating Committee.

Sec. 2. When the need to call an Associate Pastor occurs, the congregation shall elect an Associate Pastor Nominating Committee of seven members, after first seeking the guidance and permission of the Committee on Ministry of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. A slate of seven names, which shall include at least four members from the congregation at large, one active Elder and one active Deacon shall be presented to the congregation by the congregation's Nominating Committee. The Pastor shall serve as a member of the committee ex officio without vote.

ARTICLE VII. Amendments

Sec. 1. This Code of Regulations may be adopted, amended, or repealed at any meeting of the congregation by a vote of at least two-thirds of the members present. Proposed amendments shall be printed and distributed to members of the congregation at least two weeks prior to the meeting.

Note: The name of the Miami Presbytery was changed to Presbytery of the Miami Valley on April 1, 2008 and that change was made to this document with permission of the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of the Miami Valley. Since this change did not alter the content of this document, no congregational meeting was required. 3/23/10