

# What is a “Presbytery”?

A Presbytery is a group of congregations in a regional area *connected* with one another by *confessional* unity and *communion*



in service and ministry. As a Presbytery of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church, we are committed to fulfilling the mission of the kingdom of God through the proclamation of the gospel of Christ, and we desire to see this kingdom grow through the planting of new churches and continuing care and oversight given to established congregations.

The word “presbytery” comes from the Greek word *presbuteros* which is translated as “elder.” When all the elders in a particular geographical area come together, it is fittingly called a meeting of “Presbytery.” It is our conviction that Presbyterianism is the model of church government taught in Scripture (cf. Acts 14:23, Titus 1:5).

## THE PRESBYTERY OF OHIO

*Boundaries: Indiana (except northern counties), Kentucky (except southeastern counties), Ohio, western Pennsylvania, West Virginia.*

The presbytery has stated meetings twice per year (the 2nd Fri & Sat of March, and the 3rd Fri & Sat of October). Our typical agenda includes:

- Overseeing churches and reviewing ministries
- Examining ministerial candidates
- Planning for outreach & evangelistic opportunities
- Sharing major diaconal concerns
- Praying for the needs of the congregations & our ministers serving on the missions field



## Your Support is Vital!

The Presbytery requests annual support from its member congregations to carry out the following ministries:

### General Fund

Assists ministers and elders with travel expenses to attend stated and committee meetings.



### Church Planting

Partners with the Home Missions Committee of the OPC and local



sessions to establish new congregations in our region

### Diaconal Committee

Supports ministers (and sometimes others) who are experiencing financial hardship.



### Youth Committee

Organizes our annual summer Bible camp for the youth of the Presbytery

