

**The Synod of the Covenant overtures the 226<sup>th</sup> General Assembly (2024) to approve the geographic districts of its presbyteries as follows:**

**On Clarifying the Boundaries of the Synod of the Covenant**

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Cincinnati consists of the counties of Dearborn and Ohio, in the state of Indiana; the counties of Boone, Campbell, Grant, Kenton, and Pendleton, all in the Commonwealth of Kentucky; and the counties of Adams, Brown, Butler (the townships of Fairfield, Fairfield City, Ross, and Westchester), Clermont, Hamilton, Highland, and Warren (the townships of Deerfield, Hamilton, Harlan, and Mason), all in the state of Ohio.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Detroit consists of the counties of Livingston (excluding the townships of Cohoctah, Deerfield, Tyrone, and Unadilla), Macomb, Oakland (excluding the townships of Holly and Rose), St. Clair (the townships of Algonac City, Burtchville, Casco, China, Clay, Clyde, Columbus, Cottrellville, East China, Fort Gratiot, Grant, Ira, Kimball, Marine City, Marysville, Port Huron, Port Huron City, St. Clair, and St. Clair City), Washtenaw, and Wayne, all in the state of Michigan.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Eastminster consists of the counties of Columbiana (the townships of Butler, Center, Elkrum, Fairfield, Hanover, Knox, Middleton, Perry, Salem, Unity, and West), Mahoning, Portage, Summit (excluding the townships of Macedonia City, Northfield Center, Northfield Village, Reminderville Village, Richfield, Sagamore Hills, Twinsburg, and Twinsburg City), and Trumbull, all in the state of Ohio.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Lake Huron consists of the counties of Arenac, Bay, Clare, Genesee, Gladwin, Gratiot, Huron, Iosco, Isabella, Lapeer, Livingston (the townships of Cohoctah, Deerfield, and Tyrone), Midland, Oakland (the townships of Holly and Rose), Ogemaw, Roscommon, Saginaw, Sanilac, Shiawassee, St. Clair (the townships of Berlin, Brockway, Emmett, Greenwood, Kenockee, Lynn, Mussey, Riley, and Wales), and Tuscola, all in the state of Michigan.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Lake Michigan consists of the counties of Allegan, Barry, Berrien, Branch, Calhoun, Cass, Clinton, Eaton, Hillsdale, Ingham, Ionia, Jackson, Kalamazoo, Kent, Lake, Livingston (the township of Unadilla), Manistee, Mason, Mecosta, Missaukee, Montcalm, Muskegon, Newaygo, Oceana, Osceola, Ottawa, St. Joseph, Van Buren, and Wexford, all in the state of Michigan.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Mackinac consists of the counties of Alcona, Alger, Alpena, Antrim, Baraga, Benzie, Charlevoix, Cheboygan, Chippewa, Crawford, Delta, Dickinson, Emmet, Grand Traverse, Houghton, Iron, Kalkaska, Keweenaw, Leelanau, Luce, Mackinac, Marquette, Menominee, Montmorency, Ontonagon, Oscoda, Otsego, Presque Isle, and Schoolcraft, all in the state of Michigan; and the town of Florence in the state of Wisconsin.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Maumee Valley consists of the counties of Allen, Auglaize, Crawford, Defiance, Erie, Fulton, Hancock, Hardin, Henry, Huron, Lucas, Mercer, Ottawa, Paulding, Putnam, Richland (the township of Sharon), Sandusky, Seneca, Van Wert, Williams, Wood, and Wyandot, all in the state of Ohio; and the counties of Lenawee and Monroe, in the state of Michigan.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Miami Valley consists of the counties of Butler (excluding the townships of Fairfield, Fairfield City, Ross, and Westchester), Champaign, Clark, Clinton, Darke,

Greene, Logan, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, Shelby, and Warren (excluding the townships of Deerfield, Hamilton, Harlan, and Mason), all in the state of Ohio.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Muskingum Valley consists of the counties of Ashland, Carroll, Columbiana (the townships of Franklin and Hanover), Coshocton, Guernsey, Harrison (the townships of Franklin, Freeport, Monroe, Morefield, Nottingham, and Washington), Holmes, Medina (the townships of Canaan, Guilford, Rittman City, and Seville Village), Morgan, Muskingum, Noble, Perry, Richland (excluding the township of Sharon), Stark, Tuscarawas, Wayne, and Washington (excluding the township of Grandview), all in the state of Ohio.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of Scioto Valley consists of the counties of Athens, Delaware, Fairfield, Fayette, Franklin, Gallia, Hocking, Jackson, Knox, Lawrence (excluding the township of Rome), Licking, Marion, Madison, Meigs, Morrow, Pickaway, Pike, Ross, Scioto, Union, and Vinton, all in the state of Ohio.

The geographic district of the Presbytery of the Western Reserve consists of the counties of Ashtabula, Cuyahoga, Geauga, Lake, Lorain, Medina (excluding the townships of Guilford, Rittman City, Seville, Sharon, Wadsford, Wadsford City, and Westfield), and Summit (the townships of Macedonia City, Northfield Center, Northfield Village, Reminderville Village, Richfield, Sagamore Hills, Twinsburg, and Twinsburg City), all in the state of Ohio.

### ***Rationale***

In 2021, the Office of the General Assembly initiated a project to develop a database with the descriptions of each presbytery's geographic district, as well as a precise and accurate map. When the process revealed a variety of discrepancies and needs for clarification, OGA had conversations with mid council leaders in every synod to resolve identified issues. Agreements developed during those consultations resulted in these clear descriptions, now presented to the General Assembly for approval.

*If applicable:* A significant change in previous boundaries is [explain the proposed change, including mention of any presbytery action requesting it] ...