

Stated Clerk's Report

Presbytery of Mackinac

February 23, 2019

Reports to General Assembly due by February

Currently working to complete Presbytery year-end reports due at the Office of the General Assembly in February.

Session Annual Statistical Reports

As of February 8, 2019, 32 of our Presbytery's thirty-nine (39) churches have completed the 2018 Session Annual Statistical Report.

Report of the Council's (Presbytery's) Annual Review of Session Records (G-3.0108)

Annual Administrative Reviews for 2017-2018 have been conducted and completed for 34 of the 39 churches in the Presbytery.

A review of the Administrative Review Forms shows the following:

Big Bay, Dafter, DeTour Village, Donaldson, Florence (WI), Gould City, and Manistique were approved without exception.

Alpena, Bellaire, Beulah, Boyne City, East Jordan, Elk Rapids, Escanaba, Gaylord, Harbor Springs, Hessel, Houghton, Iron River/Iron County, Ishpeming, Kingsford/Iron Mountain, Marquette, Menominee, Newberry, Petoskey, Pickford, Rogers City, Rudyard, Sagola, Sault Ste. Marie, Spruce, Stalwart, Northern Lakes Traverse City, and Traverse City were approved with exceptions.

Harrisville, Munising, Neebish Island, Omena, and Trout Creek are non compliant.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The **2018 Book of Proposed Amendments** can be found online on the Presbytery website, www.presbymac.org, or at <http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/>.

Included as an attachment to this report is the Association of Stated Clerks **Analysis of Amendments to the Constitution Proposed by the 223rd General Assembly (2018)**.

Appendix A

Mid Council Leaders Gathering (formerly the Fall Polity Conference and Association of Stated Clerks Meeting)

The Stated Clerk attended the Mid Council Leaders Gathering October 5-7, 2018, and the Association of Stated Clerk meeting October 7-9, 2018, at the Hyatt Regency O'Hare in suburban Chicago, Illinois.

The Mid Council Leaders Gathering, co-sponsored by the Office of the General Assembly and The Board of Pensions of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), is designed for presbytery and synod executives and stated clerks.

The Rev. Dr. Gregory C. Ellison II, associate professor at Emory University's Candler School of Theology and founder of Fearless Dialogues, was the keynote speaker. Conference

attendees had received the Rev. Dr. Ellisons's book, *Fearless Dialogues: A New Movement for Justice*, to read before the conference

The Mid Council Leaders Gathering is an opportunity for mid council leaders and staff of both sponsoring agencies to engage with one another in a collaborative environment to learn about polity issues; discuss benefits issues related to polity and partnership; share common concerns; discuss the changing state of the Church; and discern common life together.

Gender and Leadership in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

Letter and Summary of Findings on Gender and Leadership in the PC(USA) from the Advocacy Committee for Women's Concerns (ACWC), a permanent committee of the General Assembly.

2019 letter re Gender and Leadership in the PC(USA) Appendix B

2019 survey summary, Gender and Leadership Appendix C

Necrology Report Appendix D

The Stated Clerk continues to respond to inquiries regarding polity and church-related matters.

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