

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
Presbytery of Mackinac
September 28 and 29, 2018

Report of the roster of former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission annually to the Council (D-5.0206b)

The current roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission whose terms have expired or ended:

Class of 2019—The Rev. Dr. William Myers (resigned in 2016);

Class of 2017—The Rev. Sanford K. H. Wright (resigned in 2016), Elder Kristin Benghauser, the Rev. Michael March;

Class of 2015 —Elder Florence Morrison, the Rev. Dr. Jennifer Saad;

Class of 2013—Elder Leanne Deuman, Elder Stanley Kennedy, Elder Fred Mulhauser;

Class of 2011—The Rev. Mary McClure.

Annual Gathering and Synod Review of Presbyteries

The Stated Clerk attended the Annual Administrative Review and meeting of the Presbytery Stated Clerks at the Synod of the Covenant Office in Maumee, Ohio, on Monday, April 30, and Tuesday, May 1, 2018. Among matters discussed were the changes being proposed to the *Rules of Discipline*.

The Presbytery of Mackinac's minutes were approved with exception: The financial review for 2016 was not completed and approved by the Presbytery in 2017, and there was no financial report for 2017.

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

Annual Administrative Reviews for 2017 have been conducted and completed for 33 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, 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.

No reports have been received for Harrisville, Ishpeming, Munising, Neebish Island, Omena, and Trout Creek.

223rd General Assembly (2018)

On June 16-23, Commissioners and advisory delegates from all 170 PC(USA) presbyteries, and other delegates and observers from around the world, converged on the America's Convention Center in downtown St. Louis for celebrations, deliberations, and

inspirations in support of the denomination's biennial gathering.

Presbyters from Mackinac, Minister Commissioner, the Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Broschart (First, Boyne City), Ruling Elder Commissioner R. B. Smith (Pickford), and Young Adult Advisory Delegate, Allison Trainer (First, Alpena) attended the 223rd General Assembly (2018) held at America's Convention Center in downtown St. Louis.

Mackinac's commissioners and delegate served on the following committees:

The Reverend Dr. Broschart: **Committee [08] Environmental Issues** consider matters related to the church's response to issues and matters related to carbon fuels, food sovereignty, and the environment.

Ruling Elder Smith: **Committee [14] Theological and Church Growth Issues and Institutions** consider matters related to Amendments to the Directory for Worship and Chapter II of the Foundations of Presbyterian Polity and Book of Confessions with Advisory Committee on the Constitution advice; authority and interpretation of Scripture; recruiting, enlistment of persons to service of church; Christian educators; theological institutions; celebration of Lord's Supper requests.

Young Adult Advisory Delegate Trainer: **Committee [13] BOP, PILP, PPC, and Foundation** consider matters related to Report of Board of Pensions; business related to the church's pension, annuity, and medical plans; other forms of such programs, including government or private retirement programs; business related to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Foundation and Presbyterian Publishing Corporation.

Proposed Amendments to the Constitution

The 223rd General Assembly (2018) approved and recommended to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes proposed changes in the language of the *Book of Order* that, if approved, will amend the Constitution.

18-A. Election of Ruling Elders and Deacons—On Amending G-2.0401

18-B. Renunciation of Jurisdiction

18-B.1. On Amending G-2.0509

18-B.2. On Amending D -10.0401d

18-C. Officers—On Amending G-3.0104

18-D. Membership of Presbytery—On Amending G-3.0306

18-E. Pastor, Counselor, and Advisor—On Amending G-3.0307

18-F. Welcoming to the Table—On Amending W-4.0202

18-G. Disciplinary Offense—On Amending D-2.0203b

18-H. Time Limit

18-H.1. On Amending D-10.0401b

18-H.2. On Amending D-10.0401c(1)

Deadline for Presbytery Votes

Presbyteries are required to report their votes by June 23, 2019. However, in order to make the changes and publish the 2019–2021 Book of Order in a timely manner, **the Office of the General Assembly would appreciate receiving the votes by May 10, 2019.**

2018 Book of Proposed Amendments

The 2018 Book of Proposed Amendments is now available at

<http://oga.pcusa.org/section/ga/ga223-proposed-amendments-book-order/>

The 2018 Book of Proposed Amendments is included with the documents for the 2018 September 28 and 29 Presbytery meeting.

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

The Stated Clerk will be attending 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, will serve as the keynote speaker. Conference attendees have 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.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Presbytery has received notice of the passing of Ruling Elder Dorla Parr, long-term Clerk of Session and Elder Commissioner to Presbytery from the Neebish Island Presbyterian Church and Ruling Elder Charles Nicklas, former Clerk of Session and Elder Commissioner to Presbytery from First Presbyterian Church of Munising.

Portage Lake United Church of Houghton has received a \$7,500 grant from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance. They have one year in which to use it.

Resignation from the Rev. Sandy Shaw from both the Coordinating Council and Co-Chair of the Committee on Education and Leadership Development due to health concerns.

The Rev. David Bartley, Stated Clerk of the Synod of the Covenant, advised that CLP Ruth Azar, Presbytery of Detroit; Rev. Christine Barnes, Presbytery of Lake Michigan; Rev. Ted McCulloch, Presbytery of Lake Huron; Rev. Andrew Pomerville, Presbytery of Lake Huron; and Ruling Elder Andy Thorburn, Presbytery of Lake Michigan, were appointed to the Synod Administrative Committee to the Presbytery of Mackinac.

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PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE MANUAL OF OPERATIONS

According to the Manual of Operations, *any change to the body of the manual, after approval by the Coordinating Council, may be voted on at any stated meeting of the Presbytery, provided the proposal is submitted to the Stated Clerk in such time and form that it can be included with the call of that meeting.*

At the August 21, 2018, meeting of the Coordinating Council of the Presbytery of Mackinac, Coordinating Council voted to recommend to the Presbytery approval of the proposed changes to section **1.05 Membership of the Presbytery** to more clearly define membership and representation. The Proposed Changes as well as the Current Wording are attached to this report as well as to the Call for the September Presbytery meeting.

I continue to respond to inquiries regarding polity and church-related issues. I can be reached at kay@presbymac.org or 1-989-370-5650.

Kay Morrill
Stated Clerk

PROPOSED MANUAL CHANGES FROM THE STATED CLERK

1.05 MEMBERSHIP OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Mackinac is composed of all the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations and PC (USA) minister members of the Word and Sacrament within its geographic boundaries.

Each church shall be represented by one ruling elder commissioner elected by each session with the following additional provisions:

Churches with membership over 500 shall be represented as follows:

501-1000	2 elders
1001-1500	3 elders
1501-2000	4 elders

1.0501 Ministers of the Word and Sacrament

All ordained Ministers of the Word and Sacrament residing within the bounds of the Presbytery of Mackinac (as well as Honorably Retired Ministers of the Word and Sacrament living elsewhere but maintaining their membership in the Presbytery of Mackinac) who have been admitted to membership in the Presbytery of Mackinac are entitled to voice and vote at all meetings of the Presbytery.

1.0502 Ruling Elders and Others

Current elder commissioners are members of the Presbytery and entitled to voice and vote at all meetings of the Presbytery. (G-3.0301) Ruling elder members of the Coordinating Council are members

of the Presbytery, entitled to all privileges of membership. They are to be counted toward the balance between resident Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elder members of the Presbytery. The officers of the Presbytery may not serve as elder commissioners while in office.

If the Stated Clerk discovers an imbalance between resident Ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders (commissioners and Coordinating Council members) at the beginning of any year, a number of the largest single-commissioner churches equal to the number needed to redress the imbalance will be invited to send an additional commissioner during that year.

Certified Christian Educators of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) employed by a congregation are under jurisdiction of the Presbytery. During their terms of service in an educational ministry under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery, Certified Christian Educators are entitled to the privilege of the floor with voice only at presbytery meetings, and in the case of Certified Christian Educators who are ruling elders, the privilege of voice and vote at all its meetings.

Non-certified Christian Educators who are enrolled in a certification program of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and employed at least half-time by a Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregation in the Presbytery may be granted the privilege of the floor on a particular agenda item at that Presbytery meeting.

Current Wording for Manual of Operations

1.05 MEMBERSHIP OF PRESBYTERY

The Presbytery of Mackinac is composed of all the PC(USA) congregations and teaching elders within its geographical boundaries. Each session is to elect a specified number of ruling elders to be commissioners to Presbytery. (*G-3.0301*)

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Certified Christian Educators of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) employed by a congregation are under jurisdiction of the Presbytery. They shall have the privilege of the floor without a vote at meetings of the Presbytery. In the case of Certified Christian Educators who are ruling elders, the privilege of voice and vote at all Presbytery meetings shall be extended. (G-2.1103b)

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