

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
Presbytery of Mackinac
May 18, 2019

ACTION ITEM FOR PRESBYTERY

MOTION TO ADOPT the **2018 Presbytery Statistical Report** which is a compilation of statistics reported to the Office of the General Assembly from the churches in the Presbytery of Mackinac. See separate document, *2018 Presbytery Statistical Report*. Rudyard and Trout Creek were non compliant.

The Presbytery showed an overall loss of 317 members in 2018 compared to a loss of 260 in 2017. At least one-third of the overall loss in 2018 was due to Sessions purging their churches membership rolls. The Presbytery has applied for a reduction in per capita for 2018 from OGA for the loss of 317 members.

MATTERS OF INFORMATION

Composition/Numerical Parity

In accordance with G-3.0301 in the *Book of Order*, year-end 2018 shows the numerical parity of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders as follows:

Teaching Elders		Ruling Elders	
Validated Ministry	21	Elder Commissioners	42
Members at Large	4	Elder Members Council	10
Minus non resident	<u>1</u> 3	Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs/CLPs)	<u>3</u>
Honorably Retired	39		
Minus non residents	<u>8</u> <u>31</u>		
TOTAL Teaching Elders	55	TOTAL Ruling Elders	55

Attendance at Presbytery meetings during 2018—

	Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
February 10, 2018 (Stated)	17	25
May 12, 2018 (Stated)	21	31
September 8-29, 2018 (Stated)	17	25

223rd General Assembly (2018) Proposed Amendments

All but one of the constitutional amendments proposed by the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) have received the 86 affirmative votes needed for ratification from among the 170 presbyteries. **Proposed Amendment 18-C On Amending G-3.0104 was defeated by almost a 3 to 1 margin.**

Shall G-3.0104 of the Form of Government be amended by adding the following statement as the last paragraph to read as follows? [Text to be added is shown as italic.]

“No congregation, session, presbytery, synod, or national office of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), nor any individual acting on behalf of or in an official capacity for the above institutions, shall publicly endorse or oppose, or otherwise encourage or discourage others to vote for or against an individual running for public office.”

The new provisions will take effect on June 23, 2019—one year from the adjournment of the Assembly that proposed them and will be included in the *2019-2021 Book of Order* (G-6.04e).

Annual Gathering and Synod Review

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 April 29 and 30. The Presbytery received two exceptions: The audit or financial review for 2017 was not completed and adopted in 2018 and no descriptions for property sold or mortgaged.

The Presbytery Stated Clerks met with the Rules of Discipline Task Force Chair, Rev. Paige McRight. The Task Force, formed following the 223rd General Assembly (2016), was called and “charged with revising the entire Rules of Discipline; make the Rules of Discipline more accessible to the church; preserve and enhance the accountability of councils and individuals to the church; expand the role of mediation and alternate dispute resolution; provide flexibility in crafting censures and remedies, particularly in light of recent learnings in ethical and social development and experiments by the secular legal system with alternative sentencing.” The Task Force is currently accepting feedback and suggestions for changes at pmcright@cfl.rr.com. The Task Force’s final report will be presented to the 225th General Assembly (2020) in Baltimore. If approved by the General Assembly and presbyteries, the portion of the *Book of Order* known as the Rules of Discipline will become Church Discipline.

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