

STATED CLERK'S REPORT
Coordinating Council
Presbytery of Mackinac
May 15, 2021

ACTIONS

MOVE to approve the Presbytery Statistical Report for 2020.

MOVE to approve the Report of the Annual Administrative Review of Session Records done during 2020.

MOVE to receive the resignation of Ruling Elder James Halsey from the Permanent Judicial Commission.

INFORMATION

2020 Presbytery Statistical Report

The **2020 Presbytery Statistical Report** is a compilation of statistics reported to the Office of the General Assembly from the 39 churches in the Presbytery of Mackinac. Munising and Trout Creek were non compliant. See Stated Clerk Report Attachment A.

Composition/Numerical Parity

In accordance with G-3.0301 in the *Book of Order*, year-end 2020 shows the numerical parity of Teaching Elders and Ruling Elders as follows:

Teaching Elders		Ruling Elders	
Validated Ministry	20	Elder Commissioners	40
Members at Large	2	Elder Members Council	8
Honorably Retired	38	Commissioned Ruling Elders	
Minus non residents	<u>8</u>	(CREs/CLPs)	<u>4</u>
TOTAL Teaching Elders	52	TOTAL Ruling Elders	52

Attendance at Presbytery meetings during 2020—

	Teaching Elders	Ruling Elders
February 22, 2020 (Stated)	21	27
May 16, 2020 (Stated) CANCELED due to Pandemic–COVID–19		
September 11, 2020 (Stated) VIRTUAL	23	29

Final Report of the Annual Administrative Review of Session Records

Almost one-third of the Presbytery's churches did not complete the Annual Administrative Review of Session Records. See Stated Clerk Report Attachment B.

In consultation with the Session Records Committee Chair, the next Administrative Review of Session records (including Minutes and Registers) tentatively is being planned for mid 2022, when we will be transitioning the review to a calendar year, so the review in 2022 will pick up the remainder of 2020 and will include all of the calendar year 2021. Moving to a calendar year will put the Presbytery in sync with the Synod review of presbyteries and the General Assembly review of synods.

Synod Assembly

The Stated Clerk attended Synod Assembly on February 12, 2021, with the General Assembly Administrative Commission (GAAC) acting as the Synod of the Covenant Assembly (Attachment C) and March 11, 2021, when Commissioners met with the GAAC (Attachment D).

ASSOCIATION OF STATED CLERKS AND ASSOCIATION OF MID COUNCIL LEADERS (ASC/AMCL) Virtual Mid Winter Gathering

The Association of Stated Clerks and Association of Mid Council Leaders Gathering was held virtually via Zoom for the first time on February 24 and 25, 2021. During the opening gathering, participants recognized the Native Lands upon which we stand.

Guest speaker was the Rev. Dr. Okokon Udo, founder and CEO of SoulEngineering, LLC, Getting to the Heart of the Matter. His two keynote addresses, “The Care of Organizations following Trauma” and “How Leaders Support Leaders” were followed with breakout room interaction.

Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson; Co-Moderators of the 224th General Assembly, RE Elona Street Stewart and Rev. Gregory Bentley; and Rev. Dr. Diane Moffat, Presbyterian Mission Agency, brought greetings and briefly addressed the gathering.

During worship, GA Stated Clerk, Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, delivered the Reflection: *The Church Never Closed!*

Approximately two dozen workshops on a variety of topics were offered, allowing us to choose only three. I attended a Conversation with Kris Valerius, Manager, Denominational Rolls, Statistics and More; “What Stated Clerks need to know to effectively interact with the Board of Pensions with BoP Senior Consultants Rev. Dr. Douglas Portz and Elder T. Clark Simmons; and “Three Types of Councils,” a guided conversation with Rev. Craig Howard, Presbyterian Foundation, with questions to help determine the purpose, opportunities, and pitfalls of different council structures for those presbyteries who are considering restructuring.

SYNOD NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Higher Education Scholarships for Christian Leaders

Students in undergrad, associates, vocational, or their first theology masters program are encouraged to apply for these scholarships. Applications due 5/31/21. Learn more here: Grants and Scholarships

<https://synodofthecovenant.org/synod-ministries/grants-and-scholarships/>

Opportunities to Train and Equip Preachers

The Synod is offering several opportunities for beginning and frequent preachers, beginning with a two day workshop for those who have never preached before on May 8 and 22. Learn more here: <https://synodofthecovenant.org/2021/03/26/explore-these-opportunities-to-train-and-strengthen-preachers/>

Leadership Development Workshops

The Synod is offering several workshops through LeaderWise over the course of 2021

around topics such as Racial Justice, Boundaries, Emotional Intelligence, Conflict Management, and Committee on Ministry/Committee on the Preparation for Ministry.

The Synod of the Covenant is partnering with its eleven presbyteries to enable our participation. The Synod will be paying two-thirds the cost of each workshop, and participating presbyteries will divide the remaining one-third cost. Some of the workshops have an additional participation fee.

The Presbytery of Mackinac has committed to **Boundaries Training** and **Committee on Ministry/Committee on Preparation for Ministry**. There are no additional participation fees for either of these workshops.

Boundaries Training

This is Leader-Wise's *Not Your Usual Boundaries Training!*

The Presbytery invites and encourages all actively serving pastors, whether retired or currently serving a church or a member at large engaged in validated ministry, commissioned lay pastors/commissioned ruling elders, ruling elders, church sessions, and church staff to attend the Boundaries Workshop. If you have not attended a boundary training in the last three or four years, here is your opportunity. Many church liability insurance carriers require local congregations to provide boundaries training.

Each training will be 5 hours online via zoom, 2.5 hours each day for 2 consecutive days. Sign up for whichever one best fits your schedule.

August 18 and 19, 6:00-8:30 p.m. Eastern each day (Registration Deadline 8/5/2021)
OR November 9 and 10, 10:00 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Eastern each day (Registration Deadline 10/27/2021)

Committee on Ministry/Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The COM/CPM training that LeaderWise is offering is scheduled for **October 13, 2021, from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.** Committee members and interested persons are welcome to attend.

For more information OR to Register for the Boundaries and/or the COM/CPM Workshop(s): <https://synodofthecovenant.org/leaderwise-registration/>

225th GENERAL ASSEMBLY (2022) June 18–July 9

Planning for the 225th General Assembly is ongoing as COGA meets regularly. As of April 26, 2021, this is the basic flow of the Assembly:

Commissioners and advisory delegates on four committees will arrive in Louisville on Friday, June 17, 2022.

GA will convene on Saturday, June 18, with those commissioners and advisory delegates in person, and all others participating online.

During Plenary 1, those attending in person—enough present to constitute a quorum—will vote on a motion to authorize meeting electronically.

Once authorized by the action of the quorum, all subsequent actions will include those voting from remote locations as well.

Sunday, June 19, will focus on observance of Juneteenth.

From June 20 through July 2, four committees at a time will meet in Louisville for three

days each. All will be live-streamed.

From July 5-9, plenary meetings will be held with the (co-)moderator(s) in Louisville, and all other participants online only.

COMMUNICATIONS

Resignation

Received a resignation from Ruling Elder James Halsey, a member of the Presbytery's Permanent Judicial Commission, effective, May 7, 2021.

The Presbyterian Church–Traverse City is Certified as a PC(USA) Earth Care Congregation

“Traverse City, MI –The Presbyterian Church was certified as an Earth Care Congregation by Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)’s Presbyterian Hunger Program through February 2022. This honor speaks to the great commitment that The Presbyterian Church has made to care for God’s earth.

“To become an Earth Care Congregation, this congregation affirmed an Earth Care Pledge to integrate environmental practices and thinking into their worship, education, facilities, and outreach.

“The Earth Care Congregation certification is designed to recognize churches that make the commitment to take seriously God’s charge to “till and keep” the garden.

“Started in 2010 by the PC(USA), the goal of this program is to inspire churches to care for God’s earth in a holistic way, through integrating earth care into all aspects of their church life. The Earth Care Congregation certification honors churches that make that commitment and encourages others to follow their example.

““It is exciting that The Presbyterian Church–Traverse City is one of the 276 churches that chose to dedicate themselves to intentional care of God’s earth this year. Particularly in a time of much uncertainty and worry about the future, this congregation’s activities and commitment even in the midst of navigating limitations brought about by COVID-19 brings hope to their community. We believe that The Presbyterian Church–Traverse City will inspire others to respond intentionally to God’s call to care for the earth,” says Jessica Maudlin, Associate for Sustainable Living and Earth Care Concerns for the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

“For more information on the Earth Care Congregations, program visit www.pcusa.org/earthcarecongregations.”

Kay Morrill
Stated Clerk

Stated Clerk Report Attachments

Attachment A	Statistical Report for 2020
Attachment B	Final Report of Annual Administrative Review of Session Records
Attachment C	02/12/2021 meeting Highlights of General Assembly Administrative Commission (GAAC)/the Synod of the Covenant
Attachment D	03/11/2021 meeting Highlights of Commissioners meeting with the GAAC