

**Presbytery of Susquehanna Valley
Report of the Stated Clerk to Presbytery November 18, 2017**

**CHURCHES WHO HAVE PREPARED THEIR SESSION RECORDS FOR READING
BUT HAVE NOT HAD THEM READ, MAY BRING THEM TO THIS PRESBYTERY
ASSEMBLY**

Session Record Reviews Reviews of Session Records (both Session Minutes and Membership Roll books) were held on the following dates:

3 churches - October 7	Walton,
4 churches - October 21	Oneonta, First United (Red Door)
4 churches - November 4	Cincinnatus
7 churches - November 4	Unadilla,
6 churches - November 11,	Northminster, Endwell

24 church Session records have therefore been read and are recommended for approval.

Valley United (Waverly) is participating in the Lackawanna Session Records readings this year.

To date, a total of 25 churches have presented records

The Stated Clerk recommends to Presbytery that the following church Session records be approved without exceptions:

Afton, Bainbridge, Binghamton-United, Cabin Hill, Charlotte Valley, Cincinnatus, Cortlandville-Christ Community, Cortland United, Delhi-First, Deposit, Dryden, East Guilford, Endwell-Northminster, Endicott-Union, Johnson City, Masonville, Nichols, Oneonta-First, Oneonta-First United, Otego, Owego, Smithville Flats, Unadilla, Walton and that the reading of Waverly minutes by Lackawanna be accepted.

Churches not presenting records or requesting excuse: Andes, Binghamton-Immanuel, Binghamton- John Hus, Binghamton-Ross Memorial, Bovina, Conklin, DeLancey, Delhi-United Ministry, Garrattsville, Gilbertsville, Hamden, Hancock, Hobart, Laurens, Lordville, Margaretville-New Kingston, Nineveh, Marathon, Stamford, West Delhi, Windsor, Worcester.

For Information:

Clerk's Annual Statistical Reports

The online system is a link on the page at oga.pcusa.org/stats and will open beginning Friday, December 1, 2017 with a deadline for entry of Thursday, February 15, 2018.

Start at the beginning of that time. Do not wait. Do not miss the Deadline.
We can enter data for you, if you cannot. Call for help. Do not wait.

This is the official report of active members on which Per Capita is based - if you miss the deadline, there is no guarantee of correcting your membership after the first week of March.

An instruction/workbook is found at

www.pcusa.org/resource/2017-english-session-annual-statistical-report-ins/

or contact the Stated Clerk or Christine at the Presbytery if you need one printed out.

We will accept a hardcopy report using the workbook if you fill it out and mail it in. (or if you fax or e-mail it.)

The User Name is a Number - the 5-digit GA church PIN which has been around for generations. Some will need to add a leading Zero to make 5 digits. The **Password** for your church is the same one that was issued years ago and is unfortunate CAPITAL letters and numbers, with an exclamation point ! on the end. But if you can't find it, contact the Stated Clerk at the contact above or Christine at the Presbytery Office phone.

Residual Roll from dismissed church

Since the residual roll for First Presbyterian, Endicott has reduced to 8 people and in view of the fact that we are beginning the third year of that roll, it will be discontinued. The roll was not counted in the Presbytery statistics since dismissal.

Judicial Process

Although counsel has been appointed for the accused, the process remains incomplete without either resolution or trial. However the PJC was setting up a meeting for today.

Retirement of Stated Clerk

I was first elected to this post in the Fall of 2002. Enid Carter helped to orient me and get me started in this role, along with training sponsored by the General Assembly at the Fall Polity Conference in Denver that year. Earl Arnold was of immense assistance in orienting a Permanent Judicial Commission since I was almost immediately baptized into Judicial Process in 2003. Many, many others have assisted, prodded and urged me along over the years.

It has been absolutely great to get to know clerks and elders from the churches of this Presbytery and see an almost universal willingness to serve the people of these congregations and the pastors with steadfastness, commitment and creativity. I have seen community and friendship built between clerks and observed what it means to 'be in it for the long term' on the part of most. At the Synod level I also experienced community, worship together and willingness to share and go the extra mile across Presbytery boundaries. This has also been the case many times at the General Assembly level as staff in the Office of the General Assembly continued to share resources and experience at the drop of a phone call or e-mail.

So, it has been a privilege to serve in this way. My apologies for things that have dropped over the edge, been neglected or not gone well.