

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

**For Information:**

**Minister (Teaching Elder) Roll and Annual Balancing of Elders and Ministers as of 1/1/2017 is attached as [#9A].** As required in the Book of Order, G-3.0301, the goal is numerical parity between teaching elders and ruling elders (in terms of presbytery membership) This report shows the results of actions of both Presbytery and the Committee on Ministry acting on behalf of Presbytery during 2016, as well as events beyond anyone's control.

**Session Annual Statistical Reports** I have received reports, a few quite minimal, from all the churches except Bovina, Hancock, John Hus and Lordville - so that 43 of 47 churches have reported up-to-date active membership as of 12/31/2016. The summary report is attached [#9B]

**Permanent Judicial Commission Members**

As required annually by D-5.0206b, the Stated Clerk reports the roster of PJC members whose terms have ended within the past six years. This roster consists of persons who have served a term on the PJC, but who may be called upon to serve if the PJC is not able to obtain a quorum.

2015	Mark Montfort [TE, Oneonta First]	2015	Nancy Thane[RE, Cortlandville]
2015	Carl Mugglin [RE, Walton]	2015	Cynthia Walton Leavitt [TE, Oneonta United]
2013	Douglas Beattie [TE, Union Endicott]	2013	Jane Park [RE, Union Endicott]

**Attendance at 2016 Presbytery Assemblies**

*The former By-Laws were replaced when new By-Laws were adopted in February 2016, and there are no longer provisions regarding attendance.*

**Rev. Patty Wolff** sent a notice of her intention to resign as Cabinet Chair and from the sub-committee on Finance. Cabinet has not yet acted on this resignation.

**Judicial process** - At a pretrial conference (D-10.0405) held on Friday, December 16, the accused requested that Presbytery appoint Counsel (D-10.0203c) and (D-11.0301-.0302). The Permanent Judicial Commission has appointed Counsel and is notifying the accused and providing contact information. No trial date has been set, in view of this appointment being quite recent.

**Presbytery minute review by Synod.** We missed the last minute review which now are every two years, matching the frequency of Synod Assemblies, therefore our minutes from 2014, 2015 and 2016 need to be reviewed. Stated Clerks are working in pairs to review each other's minutes in advance by electronic transmission and report to the April 26 & 27 gathering of Stated Clerks at Stony Point.

**2017 Presbytery Assembly Dates** - Fall meeting date/location changes are unfinished. Lackawanna Presbytery's Leadership Team (equivalent of Cabinet) went ahead and approved a September 23 date for their meeting, with an additional backup location besides Waverly in case it was not available. We had already published a September 16 date. Stay tuned for locations!!

**Retirement Plan** As previously mentioned, I plan to retire after my birthday in mid-November, so my plan is to apprentice a new Stated Clerk who would begin January 1, 2018.