

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK
August, 2009

1. All reports have been filed with the General Assembly and the Synod of Lakes and Prairies as required as of this date.
2. All correspondence received on behalf of the Presbytery has been assigned, referred, or answered. Two items of particular interest are:
 - a. The Presbyterian Historical Society is offering scholarships to its annual Local Church History Seminar held at Stony Point Center in New York. The scholarships are for congregations that are at least 50 years old, have fewer than 250 members, and have a demonstrated financial need. The deadline for applications is February 18, 2010, and you may find more information by calling the PHS at 215-627-1852.
 - b. The General Assembly Nominating Committee is looking for people to serve on approximately thirty boards, councils, commissions, and committees. "Which one might God be calling you to consider," they ask. If you are interested in finding out more about serving the Church at the General Assembly level, please see me, or go to www.pcusa.org/nominations.
3. The stated meetings of Presbytery for 2009 are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, January 24	Council Bluffs: Bethany Pres.
Saturday, March 21 (<i>1:00-4:00 diff. time</i>)	Omaha: Church of the Master
Tuesday, May 19	Walnut: First Pres.
Friday-Saturday, August 21-22	Calvin Crest
Tuesday, November 10	Shenandoah: First Pres.
4. I have received an invitation from the Session of the Florence church to host the March 20, 2010 Presbytery meeting. We currently are in the process of updating the Presbytery's Administrative Manual of Operations, and that presumably will come to the Presbytery with proposed changes in meeting dates for Presbytery meetings. Assuming the *current* configuration, the dates for 2010 Presbytery meetings are:

Saturday, January 23	<i>open</i>
Saturday, March 20	Florence
Tuesday, May 18	<i>open</i>
Friday-Saturday, August 20-21	Calvin Crest
Tuesday, November 9	<i>open</i>

The Presbytery is open to receiving invitations from other churches for the available meeting dates. Please send such invitations to the Stated Clerk. However, be aware that the Presbytery should receive the new proposed Administrative Manual before the end of the year, and the finalized meeting dates for 2010 will be approved at that time.
5. As was reported by me via email to the Presbytery on June 15, 2009, the Investigating Committee appointed in April by our Presbytery moderator and vice-moderator has completed their work and submitted their written report to me as required by the *Book of Order*. Their determination was that no charges would be filed in this matter.

6. Sure to be a “hot item,” the new *Book of Order, 2009/2011* is now available! All “polity geeks” are encouraged to be the first on your block to get one! But seriously, each minister, elder, deacon, and congregation should have the current version of Part II of our Constitution. Joan has ordered copies to have available at the Presbytery office, so please contact her if you’d like one. You also may order it directly from the Office of the General Assembly, and it’s available to download at <http://www.pcusa.org/oga/constitution.htm>.

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