

**Report of the Stated Clerk  
May 1, 2021**

**I. FOR THE RECORD**

- A. The Presbytery's annual report to the General Assembly was reported. On December 31, 2020 PMRV had 76 minister members of the Presbytery and four (4) ruling elders commissioned to particular service. We have 43 churches on the roll.
- B. All sessions of the Presbytery submitted their annual statistical reports to the General Assembly with the exception of Center Ridge and Korean Presbyterian Church; Carter Lake Community, College Springs, West Hills Church, and Mount View completed only membership information. The Presbytery's churches list 5844 active members, down from 6216 on December 31, 2019. Reporting churches indicated membership gains of 105 and membership loss of 477 for a net loss of 372. Of that loss, some is due to death and deletion of membership for various reasons; gains are due to youth profession of faith, and profession/reaffirmation of faith.
- C. The Stated Clerk participated in weekly Zoom meetings conducted by the Association of Mid-Council Leaders.
- D. The Stated Clerk participated in scheduled Zoom meetings conducted for Synod Staff Leaders.
- E. The Stated Clerk resources Commission on Ministry, Leadership Team, Commission on Preparation for Ministry, and other Committees as requested.
- F. The Stated Clerk serves on the four-member Administrative Transition Team with Moderator of Commission on Ministry, Personnel Committee Chair, and Stewardship of Resources Chair. This four-member team meets at least twice per month.
- G. Presbytery of Missouri River Valley is conducting weekly Zoom meetings for Pastors and Commissioned Pastors currently serving a church.
- H. The Permanent Judicial Commission held its biennial organizational meeting on April 15, 2021 and elected the following officers: Moderator Becky Balestri; Vice Moderator Deena Candler; Clerk Robert Keefer.
- I. Annual Session Minutes/Registry Review are scheduled for Tuesday, June 1 at 2 p.m.; Thursday June 10, 2021 at 10 a.m., 2:00 p.m. or 5:30 p.m. on that date. Clerks may choose which of the meetings suits their schedule. All meetings will be via Zoom. Clerks will be sent review materials for completion prior to the meeting and log-in information for the meeting. When materials are returned to the Stated Clerk, an email will be sent acknowledging receipt of the completed documents to be kept with Session minutes and registry to commemorate completion of the review in 2020 in lieu of stamping the Minutes and/or Registry of the individual church. An additional "stamped" document will be sent via USPS to Stated Clerks for inclusion in their Minutes books.

II. All correspondence has been answered or forwarded, as needed.

**III. Recommendations**

**A. With respect to redress of imbalance:**

- 1. Our standing rules (I.C.) direct the stated clerk to ascertain the parity of teaching elder and ruling elder members and commissioners and make recommendation to Presbytery on redress if the number of teaching elder (minister) members exceeds the number of ruling elders with right to vote.
- 2. Of the 76 Minister of Word and Sacrament members, 18 are retired and not in active service and 5 others are active and residing out of the area. Consequently, **we can expect 53 teaching elders in attendance at Presbytery meetings.**
- 3. We automatically expect 43 ruling elders commissioned by their sessions. In addition, we have three (3) ruling elders serving as officers, four (4) ruling elders serving as chairs of standing commissions and committees, and four (4) ruling elders commissioned to particular service. Thus, by Bylaws III.B. 2 & 3 and D, **we can expect 54 ruling elders to participate in meetings of the Presbytery.**
- 4. Standing Rules of the Presbytery state: "If the number of ruling elders equals or exceeds the number of teaching elders, there is no imbalance and no action is needed.
- 5. **There is no need for redress of imbalance in 2021.**

**The Stated Clerk reports that Presbytery of Missouri River Valley does not need to redress imbalance from July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.**