

Clerks Newsletter

Lehigh Presbytery

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Session Visits

31 Session Meetings in 2016

I might be a bit crazy but I have set a lofty goal for this year.....to visit all of the Churches in the Lehigh Presbytery and attend their Session Meetings. I have filled the calendar through April and I am anxious to get everyone scheduled. I am looking forward to joining your Session Meeting and bring greetings from the Lehigh Presbytery to your Elders. I will be there to observe, and learn, please know this is just a friendly visit. If you have any

questions about your new *Clerk of Session Manual* we can review it at that time. If you are not on my schedule as yet, please contact me so I may fill up the remaining months with Session Meetings. It is going to be a year of observation and helpful suggestions for the clerks.

Thank you to the Clerks of Session who have already returned their Clerks Information Form. I am waiting for this updated information from many of the Clerks. Please return it to the Presbytery Office or email it to lehighstatedclerk@gmail.com

General Assembly

General Assembly is June 18 - 25, 2016. The Presbytery has voted to send Teaching Elders Rev. Tim Dooner [Faith, Emmaus], Rev. Sue Bennetch [Validated Ministry]; Ruling Elders Alicia Shussett [Faith Emmaus] and Ben Hooper [Catasauqua]; and Young Adult Advisory Delegate (YAAD) Mary Lazar [Hope of Christ, Summit Hill]. These commissioners will represent Lehigh Presbytery at the 222nd General Assembly in Portland, Oregon. Please keep them in your prayers as they travel to Portland and prepare for the future of PC(USA).



Journal Writers Needed...

As we move into 2016 we have our Presbytery Meetings scheduled and locations confirmed. Now all I need is to request for volunteers to join me at the meetings as my Journal Writers. Please take this opportunity to attend a Stated Meeting, see how your Presbytery works, and have dinner on me.

2016 Presbytery Meetings

February 23 – 1 pm
East Stroudsburg PC

April 26 – 4 pm
First PC, Allentown

June 28 – 4 pm
Pennside PC, Reading

September 27 – 4 pm
College Hill PC, Easton

November 15 – 1 pm
Community PC, Mt.

I prefer to have at least two Clerks at each meeting. The Clerks that helped me this past year did a terrific job. All I ask is you take notes on the “Script Docket” that is prepared for you and you will fill in the blanks and add pertinent information. This is a tremendous help for me and I appreciate your help. Please let me know which Stated Meeting Date works best for you. Or if I contact you asking to please help me at one of the meetings please say Yes. Thank you.

Clerk of Session Manuals

I am still holding several Clerk of Session Manuals that need to be distributed. I will be contacting you in the next few weeks to see when you have time for me to sit with you and review all the valuable information in this manual. This book of information is a tremendous asset for you to be able to do your job and do it well. For those of you getting ready to pass your job on to the newly elected Clerk of Session, this manual is a must to pass on and share.

Reading of the Minutes

2016 Reading of the Minutes is going to be a change from previous year’s schedule. It is required that all Clerks of Session have their Minutes examined and Rolls/Registers reviewed during the month of May. So as not to conflict with Mother’s Day weekend I have scheduled 4 different opportunities for you to attend. I once again divided the churches into groups with Host Churches in 4 different areas. Please feel free to attend what is most convenient for you, either area, date or time. Thank you to those who so graciously accepted my request to host.

*Spring will be here before we know it and it will be time for
The Annual Clerks of Session Reading of the Minutes*

Northeast Group - May 14 - 10:00 – 12:00 East Stroudsburg
Shawnee, East Stroudsburg, First Stroudsburg, Brodheads ville,
Mt. Bethel, Delaware Water Gap

Northwest Group May 14 10:00 – 12:00 Summit Hill
White Haven, Freeland, Hazelton, Mahanoy City, Ashland, Pottsville,
St. Clair, Summit Hill, Lehighton, Weatherly

Southwest Group May 21 10:00 – 12:00 Emmaus
Reading First, Reading Pennside, Reading Washington, Emmaus,
Allentown, KCLV, Hokendauqua, Catasauqua, Slatington

Southeast Group May 21 2:00 – 4:00 College Hill
Easton First, Easton College Hill, Bethlehem, Wind Gap, Pen Argyl,
Bangor

Please mark your calendars now!