

Transformational General Presbyter and Stated Clerk Report to Presbytery

February 9, 2021

Transformational General Presbyter Report

It is often said that the only constant in life is change. We are certainly seeing that in Blackhawk Presbytery as our amazing congregations and leaders navigate ever-changing ways of being church during a pandemic. I have watched congregations that were once meeting for in-person worship return to online only services. Now, with a slow lifting of pandemic restrictions, some congregations are again resuming worship in their sanctuaries. I continue to thank God for our resilient and spirit-led pastors and members who find Jesus regardless of how they worship. These are tough times, and we will continue to wander as we wonder what comes next. But the message of Jesus and the hope of the Gospel we read daily keep us focused on our mission.

Congregational change is bringing change to the life of the presbytery. The Ministry Information Form the presbytery adopted early 2020 to find a Transformational General Presbyter said the person called to this position should have a prophetic voice, be a priestly guide, offer a pastoral presence, and have a passion for adaptive mid-council ministry. I think about these qualities each day as I prioritize the work I do and the work we do together.

Later this month I will present Council with a draft proposal for an 18-month Visioning Task Force for the Presbytery of Blackhawk. The purpose of the team is to develop an adaptive change plan to consider the big question - what is God calling us to be and do as the Presbytery of Blackhawk. This is a tough question and, as with all adaptive change, the answers will come through listening, discernment, and discussion. You will hear more about this task force at our next presbytery assembly meeting.

Brothers and sisters in Christ, please know that I am praying for your congregation and for each of our leaders by name. I encourage you to do the same.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

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Stated Clerk Report

1. Presbytery Stated Meeting Dates 2021

As a reminder, here is the schedule for presbytery assembly meetings in 2021. We will continue to evaluate when we will be able to meet in person. All meetings begin at 9:30am.

- February 9, 2021: Via Zoom
- April 13, 2021: Most likely via Zoom
- June 8, 2021: Possibly at Stronghold Camp and Retreat Center
- September 14, 2021: Location to be determined
- November 9, 2021: Location to be determined

2. Session Minute Review

We did not complete session minute reading and review in 2020. We will resume this process soon, by possibly via Zoom. Please watch for details.

3. Annual Statistical Reviews

Your annual statistical reports for the PC(USA) must be entered online by February 18. The reports requested by the Presbytery of Blackhawk were due January 15. If you have questions on any of these reports please contact Eric Heinekamp or Loreen Starvers.

4. Necrology Report

Each year we remember Ruling Elders and Ministers of Word and Sacrament who joined the Church Triumphant in the previous year. Please see the separate report of names.