

**Report of the Temporary Stated Clerk
December 1, 2020**

Items for Action:

Action Item # 1: The Temporary Stated Clerk moves that Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber be elected as Permanent Clerk of the Presbytery of Carlisle for the year 2021.

Action Item # 2: At the request of the Sessions of Duncannon, Waynesboro, Great Conewago, Big Spring and First Carlisle churches respectively, and as permitted by G-2.0404 in the Book of Order, the Temporary Stated Clerk moves that term limits for officers of said churches be waived as determined appropriate to their needs and limitations for the year 2021.

G-2.0404 Terms of Service:

Ruling elders and deacons shall be elected to serve terms of no more than three years on the session or board of deacons, and may be eligible for reelection according to congregational rule. However, no ruling elder or deacon shall be eligible to serve more than six consecutive years, and a ruling elder or deacon who has served six consecutive years shall be ineligible for election to the same board for at least one year. Election shall be to classes as nearly equal in number as possible, with the term of only one class ending each year. The presbytery may, upon written request and by majority vote, grant a congregation a waiver of this limitation on terms.

Action Item # 3: The Temporary Stated Clerk moves that each church in the Presbytery of Carlisle be given one additional Ruling Elder beyond the membership guidelines, outlined in Standing Rule #12 of Carlisle Presbytery, who will have voice and vote at the 2021 meetings of the Presbytery of Carlisle.

Rationale-

The Presbytery has adopted this practice since 2009. Standing Rule #12 of the Presbytery of Carlisle mandates that Presbytery shall redress annually, any imbalance between ministers and ruling elders entitled to vote at presbytery meetings. Accordingly, the Temporary Stated Clerk did the following analysis:

Total Minister Members as of November 1, 2020	111
Ruling Elder Commissioners from churches (based on membership guidelines outlined in Presbytery Standing Rule #12)	49
Other Ruling Elders entitled to vote per Carlisle Presbytery Bylaws	14
These additional 14 Elders consist of:	
A. Committee Chairs (Ruling Elders)	3
B. Ruling Elder Members of Council	6
C. Commissioned Ruling Elders (CRE)	2
D. Ruling Elders who are in CRE Program	1
E. Certified Educators who are Ruling Elders and employed in Presbytery	1
F. Moderator of Presbyterian Women.....	1
Total Ruling Elders entitled to vote	63

Summary:

Total Minister Members	111
Total Ruling Elders entitled to vote	63
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IMBALANCE:	48

GIVEN the fact that there are projected to be 42 churches in the presbytery for the year 2021 following the expected closure of Perry Valley at the end of December 2020, if the proposal above is approved by Presbytery this would result in the following:

Total Minister Members	111
Total Ruling Elders entitled to vote	105
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IMBALANCE:	6

Items for Information:

Rev. Graham Fowler and Ruling Elder Nancy D. Sheets (Market Square) read, reviewed and approved the minutes of the October 3, 2020 stated meeting of the Presbytery of Carlisle. Rev. Fowler and Elder Sheets will read and review the minutes of the December 1, 2020 stated meeting of the Presbytery.

The Temporary Stated Clerk reported the death of minister member Rev. William Harter to the Office of the General Assembly.

The review of 2019 session minutes of the churches within the Presbytery of Carlisle has been conducted through a combination of electronic, postal and telephone communications. The results of the review will be reported in the February 2021 stated meeting of the Presbytery.

According to the Book of Order, D-5.0206.b, the Stated Clerk is required to report annually to presbytery a roster of those members of the Permanent Judicial Commission, by class, whose terms have expired within the past six years:

Class of 2019- Rev. Jon Black, Ruling Elder Ginny Boynton, Ruling Elder Norma Mateer
Class of 2017- Ruling Elder David Getz, Ruling Elder Michael Zang, Rev. Myrtle McCall
Class of 2015- Rev. Robert Rhoades, Rev. Heather Sigler, Ruling Elder Anthony Potter

The Committee on Representation did not meet in 2020 due to the constraints created by COVID-19, as reported by CoR Chair Rev. Graham Fowler.

Respectfully submitted,

Meg Shoeman, Temporary Stated Clerk