

**Report of the Temporary Stated Clerk to the Presbytery of Carlisle  
7 December 2021**

**Items for Action**

**Action Item # 1:** The Temporary Stated Clerk moves that Rev. Katy Yates Brungraber be elected as Recording Clerk of the Presbytery of Carlisle for the year 2022.

The Temporary Stated Clerk thanks Katy for her exemplary work as Recording Clerk during her past two terms of service. Readers of Katy’s minutes inevitably comment on the thoughtful and faithful attention to the business of Presbytery they consistently reflect.

**Action Item # 2:** At the request of the Session of Duncannon Church, and as permitted by G-2.0404 in the Book of Order, the Temporary Stated Clerk moves that term limits for officers of said church be waived as determined appropriate to the church’s needs and limitations for the year 2022. *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 2022 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 28, 2021	106
Ruling Elder Commissioners from churches (based on membership guidelines outlined in Presbytery Standing Rule #12)	48
Other Ruling Elders entitled to vote per Carlisle Presbytery Bylaws	13
These additional 14 Elders consist of:	
A. Committee Chairs (Ruling Elders)	2
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	61

Summary:

Total Minister Members	106
Total Ruling Elders entitled to vote	61
IMBALANCE:	45

GIVEN the fact that there are projected to be 41 churches in the presbytery for the year 2022, if the proposal above is approved by Presbytery this would result in the following:

Total Minister Members	106
Total Ruling Elders entitled to vote	102
IMBALANCE:	4

**Items for Information**

Ruling Elder Phil Noll (Hope United) and Rev. Emily McCachren reviewed and approved the minutes from the September 2021 meeting of Presbytery.

Ruling Elder Phil Noll (Hope United) and Rev. Andrew Hostetter will review the minutes from the December 2021 meeting of Presbytery.

The Temporary Stated Clerk reported the death of God's good and faithful servant, Rev. Bill Hambright to the Office of the General Assembly.

Book of Order, D-5.0206.b requires the Stated Clerk to report annually to Presbytery a roster of members of the Permanent Judicial Commission, by class, whose terms have expired within the past six years. These are as follows:

Class of 2021- Ruling Elder Gary Hollinger; Rev. Tom Thomas; Rev. Dick House

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

The annual review of session minutes and registers has been conducted in both virtual (Zoom) and in-person spaces. Clerks who attended in-person review sessions under appropriate COVID 19 safety protocol, very much enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect face to face with their fellow clerks. The Temporary Stated Clerk in coming weeks, will review records for clerks who were unable to attend the virtual or in-person sessions which were offered in October and November 2021. The final report of the annual review of session records will be offered in the Temporary Stated Clerk's report to the Presbytery in February 2022. The Temporary Stated clerk offers Presbytery's thanks for the hospitality of Central and Market Square Churches who opened their spaces for in-person sessions.

Respectfully Submitted,

Meg Shoeman, Temporary Stated Clerk