

Clerks' Tip of the Month

Officer Training and Other Items of Interest to Clerks



Officer Training

This Saturday, November 11, Black Presbyterians United is sponsoring a training event open to all Presbyterian officers. It will have training for Trustees, Elders, and Deacons. It will have sessions on nominating committees and leadership. It will include worship. The event is from 9 to 3 and will be held at Sargent Memorial Presbyterian Church. A flyer in the November 9th Thursday Mail has a link through which you can register.

Clerk's Annual Questionnaire

By now you should have received from the Office of General Assembly a link to complete the Clerk's Annual Questionnaire. It is one of two denomination-wide surveys done each year. The due date for responses is December 12, 2017. If you haven't received it or have questions, please give me a call.

Statistical Report

The other denomination-wide survey is the statistical report, and that will be coming out in the next few weeks, with a due date of early February. It is important to fill out this report—for one thing, it determines what each church's membership number is for purposes of per capita giving. You may want to finish up any changes to your membership rolls in order to be able to report accurate numbers.

Terms of Call

The Book of Order requires that terms of call shall always meet or exceed any minimum requirement of the presbytery in effect when the call is made. Book of Order G-2.0804. In order to insure this, churches are required to submit their terms of call each year to the Congregational Transitions Commission, via Colette Ramm (cramm@thepresbytery.org) for review. Because numbers of churches are unaware of this requirement, we will begin to track this during session records reviews for the 2018-2019 review season. So, when your congregation approves the terms of call this year, clerks should send a copy to Colette. Thanks for your help with this.

If you have a tip you think others could use or a topic you would like information on, please let me know at scoe@thepresbytery.org.

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