



Clerks' Tip of the Month Best Year Ever!!!!

The statistical report season ended Monday. More NCP churches reported their church statistics this year than in any year since I have been Stated Clerk. And that is so gratifying. Thank you to those of you who went the extra mile, chased down session and committee members for information, and got it done. And thanks to Jan Moody, Assistant to the Stated Clerk, for her faithful work on this. Our denomination is connectional, not congregational—we are all connected, and the statistical report is an important way to find out who we are.

Only three churches didn't report and, as required, I will report that fact formally to the presbytery. And I understand—sometimes you just can't get it done. I hope those churches will be in a place where they can report next year.

One item we did not get from every church—and this is a yearly request from the presbytery, not the Office of General Assembly. That item is the 2019 Church and Session Information Form. The form has important information—like the name and contact information of clerks of session—and enables us to get in touch with you. I know there have been a lot of recent changes in church clerks—so please send it in if you haven't already. Like much information valuable to session clerks, it is located on the Office of Stated Clerk page of the presbytery website. **Here is a link:** <https://thepresbytery.org/presbytery-meeting/office-of-the-stated-clerk/>. You can send it to me or to Jan, jmoody@thepresbytery.org.

One thing I will be doing with the contact information is invite session clerks to an online clerk training in the upcoming months. If you have topics or specific questions you would like me to be sure to address, please let me know at scoe@thepresbytery.org. Or call me at 240-514-5352.

Peace and Blessings and Thank You!!!

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