

Clerks' Tip
Session Records Review Spring 2020
April 2, 2020



Jan Moody and I (and the rest of the NCP staff, for that matter) have been praying and thinking about you and your churches during this dreadful period. And we have learned from many of you what is happening in your congregations. Over the past few years we have been hearing about the need to “do church differently” and we are being challenged to do that right now. NCP’s churches have risen to the challenge and devised myriad ways to do church differently. Whenever this ends, we will have learned a lot about our capacity to adapt and change.

One small thing that will change this spring is Session Records Review. The records review season is generally two fall records reviews, which we have done, and two spring records reviews, which we will not be able to do as scheduled. Jan and I discussed this. Options would be to schedule the spring reviews in the summer (but who knows when this will end), to ask clerks to self-report using the checklist, or to just cancel the spring reviews. ***We decided to cancel the spring reviews this year—so that those churches whose records were not reviewed in the fall of 2019 would have two years’ worth of reviews done during the next review cycle, Fall 2020-Spring 2021.***

Please be safe and social distance. Let me know if there is any help I can provide or any questions I can answer.

Yours in Christ,

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