

**STATED CLERK'S REPORT
PRESBYTERY OF MIDDLE TENNESSEE
FEBRUARY 13, 2019**

ADMIT TO RECORD

1. Session annual statistical reports have been mailed to clerks of sessions. The deadline for online filing is February 14, 2019. The deadline for the Stated Clerk to file these reports is March 1, 2019.
2. The Stated Clerk reports the following roster of former Permanent Judicial Commission members, pursuant to D-5.0206b.:

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>	<u>Class of 2018</u>
RE Celeste Anderson	TE Bill Barger	RE Elinor Foster
RE John Lee	TE Todd Jones	RE Jane McDow
RE Mark Strength	TE Kaye Nickell	TE Sandra Randleman
TE Rob Weingartner		

3. The Synod reviewed the 2017 minutes of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee. The presbytery's minutes were approved without exceptions.
4. The trial for the remedial case filed with the Synod of Living Waters, Patrick Handlson v. the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee, was held on Thursday, January 10. The Synod Permanent Judicial Commission stated, in part:

"IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the actions of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee at its meeting on February 3, 2018, related to Patrick Handlson are reversed in part and affirmed in part, and the 24-month requirement before he may renew his request for reinstatement is invalidated. "

"Therefore, while the Complainant's due process rights were violated by his exclusion from the meeting (where he had in fact earlier been given the opportunity not only to address the Presbytery but also to answer questions from other members), that is only true to the extent that the new 24-month requirement was added, and therefore the violation is rendered moot by the invalidation of that requirement."

"We conclude that the "conditions" approved by the Presbytery at its February 3, 2018, meeting, however, fall in the category of its "ongoing enforcement of a censure," and are therefore enforceable."

The full decision is attached, and will be spread upon the minutes, as directed by the Synod Permanent Judicial Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. The Northminster Presbyterian Church in Murfreesboro, pursuant to G-2.0402, requests a waiver on the rotation of elders.
2. The minutes of the 135th Stated Meeting (October 18, 2018) of the Presbytery of Middle Tennessee are presented for approval.