



The Reverend Ryan Landino, Presbytery Leader  
The Reverend Elizabeth Kanerva, Associate Leader  
The Reverend Joy Myers, Stated Clerk

To: Clerks of Session in Giddings-Lovejoy Presbytery

Please read carefully as important information is shared in this document. This communication will help you schedule when items regarding statistical reports will be due early in 2023.

A Zoom call will be available on **Wednesday, December 7, 2022 at 6:30pm and/or Thursday, December 8, 2022 at 2:30pm**, which will cover specific details related to the statistical reports. However, be on the lookout for an email from the presbytery with the presbytery forms to be completed attached. The zoom information is the same for both meetings. Come to whichever is most convenient for you. I will also send an email reminder next week with the following link.

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84513566307> Meeting ID: 845 1356 6307

The Annual Statistical Report (<https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/soc/AdvancedSearch.aspx>) will be available to you beginning December 2, 2022, for the 2022 statistics information for the Office of the General Assembly. Your PIN and Password are listed above. One blessing this year is that the report should be easier to complete with a new look. We are including a worksheet attached to this letter that will help you to complete the needed information. The deadline for completing the report is February 14, 2023. There are no exceptions! Your statistics are very important no matter the size of your congregation! I encourage you not to wait until the deadline to try to enter your statistics. There are no supplemental questions this year.

We will have open office hours at the presbytery office on Monday, January 23, 2022 and Monday, February 6, 2022 from 10am – 2pm if you would like to drop by and receive help with your statistics. You can bring your laptop, or we can use ours.

If you need help, both Leigh Porter and I will be available to assist you during these hours or anytime by phone at 314-772-2395.

Please complete the enclosed forms for the Presbytery: Necrology report for those Ruling Elders both active and inactive who died during 2022 (this information will be used for the February 2, 2023 Gathering so please try to get this information to the office by January 15, 2023); The Report of Commissioners elected to attend the Gatherings along with all Session members currently serving; church information; and Terms of Call for your Pastor(s).

YES, you do need to do Terms of Call twice...once for the Board of Pensions (<https://logon.pensions.org/>) and once for the Presbytery office. You will need to log into Benefits Connect, through the Board of Pensions, and complete the information for the Board. Remember that the pastor is in a three-way call and that the Presbytery is one-third of the Call along with the pastor and the congregation, so sharing this information is vital to our work. Also, if you are using pulpit supply, please note that as well.

Again, this year, we are asking for some information regarding your worship schedule, the strength and reliability of your internet service, the benefits and complications you have encountered. This information will be helpful as those of us in the Presbytery office are in conversation with congregations of the presbytery and across the denomination.

Blessings, Merry Christmas,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "The Rev Joy Myers". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Rev Joy Myers, Stated Clerk