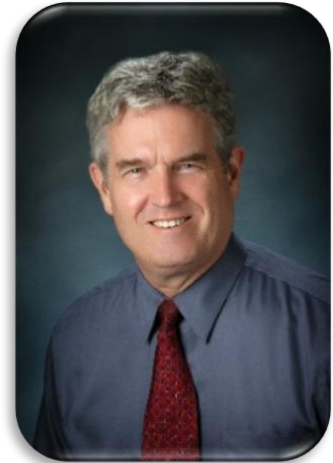


Stated Clerk
Report to the 41st General Assembly



Jeff Jeremiah
Stated Clerk

As I've reflected across my service as Stated Clerk since 2006, I'm increasingly convinced that the genius of our Presbyterian system is found in the word "with." In our churches, presbyteries, and General Assembly, leaders (Teaching and Ruling Elders) work *with* each other. It's a collaborative, collegial dynamic that makes our system so effective. I've observed and enjoyed this over and over in the last fifteen years. There are so many I've had the pleasure to work with during that time!

I have to list all the Moderators because I'd hate to leave anyone out; their influence and friendship have meant so much to me. There's Bill Meyers, Paul Heidebrecht, Bill Vogler, Allen Roes, Nate Atwood, Rob Liddon, Doug Klein, Ken Roberts, Bill Dudley, Gordon Miller, Mike Moses, Scott Griffin, Dean Weaver, Tom Werner, Case Thorp, Glenn Meyers, and now Brad Strait.

Members of the Committee on Administration and National Leadership Team who stand out in my gratitude include John Adamson, Alan Smith, Stretch DePuy, Nancy Duff, Leigh Swanson, Luder Whitlock, Jeff Chadwick, Gwynn Blair, and Mike Gibson.

In the General Assembly office, I've been blessed beyond measure to have served with Assistant Stated Clerks Ed McCallum and Jerry Iamurri. Stepping up to the challenge of supporting a remote working boss, "excellence" is the only word to describe Della Cullins and Marti Ratcliff in their roles as Executive Assistants to me. I do not believe it would have been remotely possible to relocate the office from Livonia, MI to Orlando, FL had it not been

for Chief Operating Officer Phil VanValkenburg. His project management expertise was on full display as we successfully made this move. World Outreach Directors Jeff Chadwick, George Carey, and Phil Linton brought distinctive strengths and leadership to EPC WO as each advanced the global mission of the EPC. Director of Communications Brian Smith has been a good friend and wise counsel on all communication matters. He was invaluable to our efforts to keep you in the loop during the Andrew Brunson ordeal. By the way, with my departure Brian is now #1 in seniority in the office. For the excellence of his work, Pat Coelho has been promoted from Director of Finance to Chief Financial Officer. Bart Francescone has brought experience and expertise to Benefit Resources, Inc. like we've never had before. During our annual meeting I've had the pleasure of working with Carol Templin and then Zenaida Bermudez. They've been "behind the scenes" but have been absolutely essential to our business meetings being organized well and running smoothly. I know there are many more deserving of my recognition and thanks, but I will conclude with Paul's words, "In all my prayers for all of you I always pray with joy because of our partnership in the gospel" (Philippians 1:3-4).

Responding to COVID-19 (continued)

The staff in the Office of the General Assembly did an outstanding job continuing to respond to questions, concerns, and problems raised by churches and presbyteries as the COVID-19 shutdown dragged on. "How can I help?" has been the hallmark of our staff during this time. Working remotely almost exclusively from April 2020 to March 2021, the Office of the General Assembly served in the following ways:

Presbytery meetings – led by Brian Smith, Director of Communications, the office gave guidance and technical support to our presbyteries as they convened virtual meetings this spring. Presbyteries are urged to revise their bylaws to provide for virtual meetings.

Local churches – Brian Smith helped many churches convene virtual congregational meetings. Led by Pat Coelho, Chief Financial Officer, the finance department of the office provided online giving services for 37 churches to help them through the shutdown. Led by Benefit Resources, Inc. Executive Director Bart Francescone, EPC benefits has maintained its high standard of service to medical and retirement plan participants.

As Dean, Jerry, and I have engaged with pastors, we became aware that many are struggling with what has been dubbed, "Pastor Separation Syndrome." It's produced by the absence of a personal touch in ministry amid the COVID-19 shutdown. It's caused by separation from staff, officers, and church members. In addition to this, there's the challenge pastors have faced in this highly politicized time. One friend said, "Jeff, I don't remember that class in seminary, "How to lead your church during a pandemic." I'm very grateful to know that with National Leadership Team and Benefit Resources, Inc. support, Dean Weaver is working to convene gatherings that will focus on restoring the health of our pastors, church planters, and global workers this fall.

Executive Transition

The National Leadership Team and its predecessor, the Committee on Administration, has distinguished itself by its strategic "look out on the horizon" perspective. In 2018 it realized

that a major change in the executive leadership of the EPC was coming with the retirement of Chief Operating Officer Phil VanValkenburg in 2019 and the retirements of Director of World Outreach Phil Linton and me in 2021. It began to escrow funds to cover the potential costs of these transitions. With the departure of the COO, the NLT gave permission for existing staff to take on the COO responsibilities for a six-month trial period. When it was clear that existing staff could cover these duties, the NLT decided to not fill this vacancy.

For World Outreach, the NLT concluded that an evaluation of this important ministry would be timely before the search for Phil's successor began. This evaluation was done in 2019-2020. Last fall the search committee for this position was appointed. In May we celebrated the announcement that Gabriel de Guia had been named to succeed Phil.

The NLT took a different approach to my transition. It concluded that a good overlap between me and my successor was necessary for the smoothest transition possible. It asked the 39th General Assembly in 2019 to approve the search committee chaired by TE Bill Dudley. Dean Weaver was announced in the spring of 2020 and elected by the 40th General Assembly in September 2020 as the fourth Stated Clerk. With his election and resignation as pastor of Memorial Park effective December 31, 2020, the Personnel Committee of the NLT (co-chaired by RE Chris Danusiar and RE Rosemary Lukens), focused its attention on the transition from me to Dean. Given his extensive experience with executive transitions, former Moderator Scott Griffin was asked to offer his expertise and wisdom and to consult with Dean and me. By December, a written plan was created and approved by the NLT. I am very grateful for all that Scott, Chris, Rosemary, and Dean invested in this transition. During our "overlap," Dean has been incredibly affirming and gracious as he's stepped into his new role. I am encouraged and confident that the Lord has His man in place to do His work in the years ahead. The future is bright for the EPC!

Per Member Asking appreciation

During the financial uncertainties that accompanied the COVID-19 shutdown, no less than 247 of our 638 churches (38.7%) distinguished themselves in 2020 for their faithful and outstanding support for Per Member Asking (PMA). The following churches contributed 100% (or more) of their PMA to support the mission and vision of the EPC. Because of their leadership, our expectations for giving in FY21 were exceeded in a way we thought unimaginable when we approved the FY21 budget in September 2020. I am disappointed to report that 172 churches (27%) did not contribute to PMA in the last year. PMA is the active membership of the local church multiplied by \$23.

Presbytery of the Alleghenies

Amazing Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Highland Heights, OH
Bay Presbyterian Church	Bay Village, OH
Bethany Presbyterian Church	Mercer, PA
Bethel Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Enon Valley, PA
Brighton Presbyterian Church	Rochester, NY
Covenant Presbyterian Church	Ligonier, PA
Covenant Presbyterian Church	Sharon, PA
CUP Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Beaver Falls, PA

First Presbyterian Church of Bentleyville	Bentleyville, PA
Hanover Presbyterian Church	Clinton, PA
Harmony Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Harrisville, PA
Hickory United Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Hickory, PA
Leicester Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Leicester, NY
Mansfield First Presbyterian Church	Mansfield, OH
Middle Sandy Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Homeworth, OH
Mill Creek Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Hookstown, PA
Mountville Presbyterian Church	Portersville, PA
Mt Olivet Presbyterian Church	Aliquippa, PA
Mt. Lebanon Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Pittsburgh, PA
Mt. Pleasant Church	Aliquippa, PA
Muddy Creek Presbyterian Church	Butler, PA
North Park EPC	Wexford, PA
Petrolia Presbyterian Church	Petrolia, PA
Shiloh Presbyterian Church	St. Marys, PA
Starkdale Presbyterian Church	Wintersville, OH
Tabernacle Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Austintown, OH
Presbyterian Church of Portersville	Portersville, PA
Unionville Presbyterian Church	Butler, PA
Windy Gap Presbyterian Church	West Finley, PA

Presbytery of the Central South

Central Presbyterian Church	Huntsville, AL
Covenant Presbyterian Church	Columbus, MS
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Anna, IL
First Presbyterian Church	Opelika, AL
First Presbyterian Church	Tallassee, AL
First Presbyterian Church	West Point, MS
First Presbyterian Church	Corinth, MS
First Presbyterian Church	West Memphis, AR
First Presbyterian Church	Greenfield, TN
Second Presbyterian Church	Memphis, TN
Sylvania Presbyterian Church	Ward, AR
Tunica Presbyterian Church	Tunica, MS
Woodland Presbyterian Church	Memphis, TN

Presbytery of the East

Argyle Presbyterian Church	Argyle, NY
Ashland Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Voorhees, NJ
Bethlehem Steltz Reformed Church	Glen Rock, PA
Christ Presbyterian Church	Springfield, MA
Deerfield Presbyterian Church	Deerfield St., NJ
Fairview Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Glenmoore, PA
Grace Covenant	Exton, PA
Huntingdon Valley Presbyterian Church	Huntingdon Valley, PA

Little Britain Presbyterian Church
Oreland Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Presbyterian Church of Kennett Square
Princetown Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Silver Lake Christian Community Church
Upper Octorara Presbyterian Church

Peach Bottom, PA
Oreland, PA
Kennett Square, PA
Duanesburg, NY
Brackney, PA
Parkesburg, PA

Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean

Community Presbyterian Church
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church
GracePoint Plant City

Clewiston, FL
Tallahassee, FL
Brooksville, FL
Plant City, FL

Presbytery of the Great Plains

Avery Presbyterian Church
Bathgate Presbyterian Church
Colonial Presbyterian Church
Cornerstone Presbyterian Church
Eastminster Presbyterian Church
Faith United Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Idana Presbyterian Church
Kirk of the Hills
New Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Turner County Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Bellevue, NE
Cavalier, ND
Kansas City, MO
Leawood, KS
Wichita, KS
Brandon, SD
Siloam Springs, AR
Clay Center, KS
Lawrence, KS
Clay Center, KS
Tulsa, OK
Blue Rapids, KS
Davis, SD

Presbytery of the Gulf South

Christ Presbyterian Church
City of Refuge Church
Cornerstone EPC
Covenant Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Covenant Presbyterian Church
Edna Presbyterian Church
Faith Church Brownsville
First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of Port Gibson
Grace Chapel Madison EPC
Grace Presbyterian Church
Memorial Presbyterian Church
Minden Presbyterian Church
Osyka Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Daphne, AL
Houston, TX
Katy, TX
Lake Jackson, TX
Monroe, LA
Edna, TX
Brownsville, TX
Mexia, TX
Baton Rouge, LA
Ocean Springs, MS
Port Gibson, MS
Madison, MS
Alexandria, LA
San Augustine, TX
Minden, LA
Osyka, MS
Gulfport, MS

Woodland Presbyterian Church
Yokena Presbyterian Church

New Orleans, LA
Vicksburg, MS

Presbytery of Mid-America

Big Creek Presbyterian Church
Brookdale Presbyterian Church
Central West End Church
City Church
EPiC Evangelical Presbyterians in Christ Church
Faith Presbyterian Church
Greentree Community Church
Providence Presbyterian Church
Sutter Presbyterian Church

Hannibal, MO
St. Joseph, MO
Saint Louis, MO
St. Louis, MO
Troy, MO
Perryville, MO
Kirkwood, MO
Bowling Green, MO
Bridgeton, MO

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic

Bethlehem Presbyterian Church
Bishopville Presbyterian Church
Bouldin Memorial Presbyterian Church
Buffalo Presbyterian Church
Centre Presbyterian Church
Christ Community Church - Montreat
Christ Fellowship Church
Christ the King Community Church
Concord Presbyterian Church
Elon Presbyterian Church
Englewood Presbyterian Church
Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Elkton
Fellowship of Christ
First Presbyterian Church
Forest Hills EPC
Galatia Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Galatia Presbyterian Church
Garden Memorial Presbyterian Church
Grove Presbyterian Church EPC
Hendersonville Presbyterian Church
Hope Church Raleigh
Kershaw Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Lighthouse Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Mebane Presbyterian Church
Memorial Presbyterian Church
Midway Evangelical Presbyterian Church
New Cut Presbyterian Church
New Hope Community Church
Overbrook Presbyterian Church
Peace Church
Princeton Presbyterian Church

Monroe, NC
Bishopville, SC
Stuart, VA
Greensboro, NC
Mooresville, NC
Montreat, NC
Southern Pines, NC
Durham, NC
Sumter, SC
Madison Heights, VA
Rocky Mount, NC
Elkton, VA
Cary, NC
Martinsburg, WV
Wilson, NC
Eagle Rock, VA
Fayetteville, NC
Charlotte, NC
Dunn, NC
Hendersonville, NC
Raleigh, NC
Kershaw, SC
Mooresville, NC
Mebane, NC
Greensboro, NC
New Zion, SC
Lancaster, SC
Lynchburg, VA
Gaffney, SC
Durham, NC
Princeton, WV

Riceville Valley Community Church
Ridgecrest Presbyterian Church
Roseann Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Rourk Presbyterian Church
Siler Presbyterian Church
Trinity Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Troy Presbyterian Church
Valley Hope Church
Walkers Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Walkersville Presbyterian Church
Wayside Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Westminster Presbyterian Church

Asheville, NC
Locust, NC
Hurley, VA
Rockingham, NC
Wesley Chapel, NC
Florence, SC
Troy, NC
Black Mountain, NC
Pamplin, VA
Waxhaw, NC
Sanford, NC
Bluefield, WV

Presbytery of the Midwest

Attica Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Cedarville United Presbyterian Church
College Corner Presbyterian Church
Community Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Cornerstone Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Covenant Church
Covenant Presbyterian Church of Tecumseh
Evangelical Community Church
Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Faith Presbyterian Church
Fellowship Evangelical Presbyterian Church
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church
First Presbyterian Church of Bucyrus
First Presbyterian Church of Hillsdale
Gateway Church
Kirkmont Presbyterian Church
Lake City Evangelical Presbyterian Church
Lebanon Presbyterian Church
Living Hope Evangelical Church
North Oaks Church
Oakhill Presbyterian Church
Olivet EPC
Peace Presbyterian Church
Russellville Presbyterian Church
Southport Presbyterian Church
Stonebridge EP Church
Westminster Church of Port Huron
Wheat Ridge Evangelical Presbyterian Church

Attica, IN
Cedarville, OH
College Corner, OH
Owosso, MI
Brighton, MI
West Lafayette, IN
Tecumseh, MI
Cincinnati, OH
Rochester Hills, MI
West Lafayette, IN
South Lyon, MI
Kokomo, IN
Battle Creek, MI
Greenville, OH
Ossian, IN
Paulding, OH
Bucyrus, OH
Hillsdale, MI
Findlay, OH
Beavercreek, OH
Lake City, MI
Lebanon, OH
Grosse Pointe, MI
Clarkston, MI
Grand Rapids, MI
Evansville, IN
Flint, MI
Russellville, OH
Indianapolis, IN
Perrysburg, OH
Port Huron, MI
Seaman, OH

Presbytery of the Pacific Northwest

Alder Presbyterian Church	Eatonville, WA
Bickleton Evangelical Community Church	Bickleton, WA
Chapel Hill Presbyterian Church	Gig Harbor, WA
Christ Presbyterian Church	Boise, ID
Community Church of Ephrata	Ephrata, WA
Community Presbyterian Church of Omak	Omak, WA
Evangelical Valley Presbyterian Church	Hazelton, ID
Evergreen Church	Graham, WA
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church of Oregon City	Oregon City, OR
First Presbyterian Church of Fairbanks	Fairbanks, AK
Grace Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Gig Harbor, WA
Living Waters Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Wendell, ID
Logos Presbyterian Church	Seattle, WA
McCloud Community Church	McCloud, CA
Merrill Presbyterian Church	Merrill, OR
New Hope Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Burney, CA
New Hope Presbyterian Church	Kent, WA
Oakville Presbyterian Church	Shedd, OR
Okanogan Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Okanogan, WA
Parkdale Community Church	Parkdale, OR
Parkway Presbyterian Church	Tacoma, WA
Peace Memorial Presbyterian Church	Klamath Falls, OR
Roslyn Presbyterian Church	Roslyn, WA
Saddlerock Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Wenatchee, WA
Sequim Community Church	Sequim, WA
Sterry Memorial Presbyterian Church	Parma, ID
Wabash Church	Auburn, WA
Woodland Presbyterian Church	Woodland, WA

Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

Centerville Presbyterian Church	Fremont, CA
Community Presbyterian Church of Danville	Danville, CA
Covenant Community Church	Vacaville, CA
Easton Presbyterian Church	Fresno, CA
First Armenian Presbyterian Church	Fresno, CA
First Presbyterian Church	Hanford, CA
First Presbyterian Church of Bakersfield	Bakersfield, CA
Kingman Presbyterian Church	Kingman, AZ
Sierra Presbyterian Church	Nevada City, CA
Woodlake Presbyterian Church	Woodlake, CA

Presbytery of the Rivers and Lakes

Aplington Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Aplington, IA
Bethel Presbyterian Church	Reading, MN
Buffalo Prairie Presbyterian Church	Reynolds, IL

Christ Alone Church	Green Bay, WI
Faith Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Crivitz, WI
First Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Cedar Grove, WI
First Presbyterian Church	Waukegan, IL
First Presbyterian Church	Hillsboro, IL
First Presbyterian Church of Mora	Mora, MN
First Presbyterian Evangelical Church	Montezuma, IA
First United Presbyterian Church	Moline, IL
Highview Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Dousman, WI
Hogarty Community Church	Aniwa, WI
Kishwaukee Community EPC	Stillman Valley, IL
Riverside Evangelical Church	Sartell, MN
Romine Prairie Presbyterian Church	Kell, IL
United Presbyterian Church of Amberg	Amberg, WI
Wabash Presbyterian Church at Orio	Allendale, IL

Presbytery of the Southeast

Bethany Presbyterian Church	Kingsport, TN
Buck Hill Presbyterian Church	Newland, NC
Covenant Presbyterian Church	Rome, GA
First Presbyterian Church	Stanton, KY
Murphy Presbyterian Church EPC	Murphy, NC
New Hope EPC	Kingsport, TN
Signal Mountain Presbyterian Church	Signal Mountain, TN
Trion Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Trion, GA
Valleybrook Presbyterian Church	Hixson, TN

Presbytery of the West

Cherry Hills Community Church	Highlands Ranch, CO
Christ Covenant Church	Leoti, KS
Cornerstone Church of Stapleton	Stapleton, NE
Cornerstone Community Church	Aurora, CO
Cornerstone Community Church of Greeley	Greeley, CO
Faith Evangelical Church CO	Loveland, CO
First Presbyterian Church of Hagerman	Hagerman, NM
Good Shepherd Evangelical Presbyterian Church	Ajo, AZ
Mountain Road Church	Fruit Heights, UT

Respectfully submitted,


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June 2021

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Churches Received, Dissolved, or Dismissed, May 2020-May 2021

Churches Received:

Presbytery of the Central South

Church	City	State	Received	From
Covenant Family Church	Memphis	TN	8/1/2020	Church Plant

Presbytery of the East

Church	City	State	Received	From
Resurrection Clinton Hill	Brooklyn	NY	11/1/2020	Church Plant
Resurrection Sheepshead Bay	Brooklyn	NY	11/1/2020	Church Plant
Resurrection Williamsburg	Brooklyn	NY	11/1/2020	Church Plant

Presbytery of the Mid-Atlantic

Church	City	State	Received	From
Hopewell Presbyterian Church	Florence	SC	10/18/2020	PC(USA)

Presbytery of the Pacific Southwest

Church	City	State	Received	From
Wintersburg Presbyterian Church	Santa Ana	CA	10/9/2020	ECO

Churches Dissolved or Dismissed:

Presbytery of the Alleghenies

Church	City	State	Received	Dismissed/Dissolved
Connellsville Presbyterian Church	Connellsville	PA	5/23/2015	2/7/2021

Presbytery of the Central South

Church	City	State	Received	Dismissed/Dissolved
First Presbyterian Church of New Madrid	Florence	SC	5/23/2012	7/15/2020

Presbytery of Florida and the Caribbean

Church	City	State	Received	Dismissed/Dissolved
Cornerstone Bible Church	St. Petersburg	FL	5/20/2007	12/31/2020

Presbytery of the Midwest

Church	City	State	Received	Dismissed/Dissolved
Peace Church	Middleville	MI	11/14/2014	7/15/2020

Presbytery of the West

Church	City	State	Received	Dismissed/Dissolved
Celebration Community Church	Denver	CO	8/24/2003	3/26/2021