

**Presbytery of Ohio Valley**  
**April 12, 2008**  
**Report of the Stated Clerk**

**Commissioners to General Assembly**

Following the General Assembly of 2006 the denomination moved to meetings every other year instead of the old pattern of every year. Representation changed at that time to a new formula. Presbyteries with more 8001 or more members were permitted two ministers and two elders. We elected by the old formula and therefore had only two persons on our delegate roster. We did, however, have two alternative delegates elected at the time it came to register our delegates. Our Commissioners to the 2008 General Assembly are:

Elder Jayne Williams  
Elder Andy Traister  
Rev. Scott Paul-Bonham  
Rev. Martha Friz-Langer

The Youth Advisory Delegate is David Davenport.

**Statistics for 2007**

Statistics for the year 2007 demonstrate a decline in total active membership to 7,628. That net loss of 316 active members is actually better than the 8 year average.

Our Presbytery continues to become older in the process. Our median age (estimated) in 2007 was 54+years. That represents a change of approximately 4 plus years in the median from year 2000.

**Suspension of the Rules**

The Presbytery's Electronic Meeting Policy allows for meetings of Commissions, Committees, Task Forces, Sub-Committees through electronic means. Meetings of the Assembly itself were not included in this policy. Such meetings are permitted only when they are stated to be permitted in by-laws. Presbytery has planned and approved an electronic meeting of the Assembly for June 12, 2008. At near the close of the April 12 meeting, a motion will be made to suspend the rules for the June meeting. This process is in keeping with an opinion of the General Assembly/Constitutional Services.

Business at the June meeting will not contain action items which require face to face discussion and discernment. The meeting is only planned for two hours.

**Investigative Committee**

The Stated Clerk is in receipt of a self accusation from a minister member of Presbytery in a matter which will require a disciplinary process. The next step in that process is the appointment of an Investigative Committee by the Moderator. The date of the receipt of the self accusation is April 2, 2008.

### **Assembly Meetings for the Remainder of 2008**

June 12, 2008	Electronic Meeting at several linked locations.
September 13, 2008	Mt. Tabor Church, New Albany
December 4, 2008	Eastminster Church, Evansville

### **Session Record Review Dates Remaining for 2008**

May 17, 2008	Camp Pyoca
September 6, 2008	Indiana Church, Vincennes
November 1, 2008	Presbytery Office, Bloomington

**Lawrence Jackman**