

**RECOMMENDATIONS OF STATED CLERK EDWARD KOSTER  
TO THE PRESBYTERY OF DETROIT**

**March 21, 2020**

**PART I: RECOMMENDATIONS FOR OPENING FORMALITIES PART OF THE DOCKET**

1. DOCKET: Adopt the docket as presented.
2. EXCUSES: Excuse all continuing minister and elder members of Presbytery who have asked to be excused.
3. CORRESPONDING MEMBERS: Seat as corresponding members all eligible persons who are presented to the Presbytery and who register on the enrollment sheet for corresponding members.

**PART II: RECOMMENDATIONS AND INFORMATION UNDER BUSINESS.**

**FOR ACTION**

1. MINUTES: Approve the minutes of January 28, 2020.
2. ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION REPORTS. Approve the reports of the following Commissions:
  - a) Ordination of Andrew Frazier on March 8, 2020 Paper B-3.
3. Approve the Equalization of Elders for 2020-21. Paper B-4
4. Approve the following 2019 Annual Report to the General Assembly:

Ministers on Roll (Retired and active) as of 12/31/2018	<b>209</b>
Died	1
Dismissed to other Presbyteries	5
Dismissed to other denominations	0
Other removals (administrative)	0
Total Losses:	6
Received from other Presbyteries	4
Ordained	2
Restored	0
Received from other denominations	1
Total Gains:	7

**Ministers on Roll (Retired and active) 12/31/19: 210**

	Churches	Membership
<b>Number of churches</b>		
12/31/2018	76	20096
Dissolved:	1	
Dismissed to other denomination	0	
Member decrease		
12/31/19	<b>75</b>	<b>18801</b>

**FOR INFORMATION**

1. TRANSFERS COMPLETED
  - a) To the Presbytery of Detroit:
    - i) Timothy Marvil from Lake Michigan Presbytery
2. Report of the General Assembly Administrative Commission on the Synod of the Covenant.
 

In 2018 the Presbytery concurred with an overture prepared by Cincinnati Presbytery asking the General Assembly to form an administrative commission to look into disorder in the Synod of the Covenant. The 2018 General Assembly formed the AC and gave it the authority to assume original jurisdiction over the Synod. The Commission assumed Original Jurisdiction of the Synod in February and immediately notified the various parties. Paper B-A is a series of reports received by the Administrative Commission: February 14 memo, Communication Piece, FAQ, Position Description, and Report to the General Assembly.
3. The case filed against the Presbytery of Detroit by Michael Barconey by to the Michigan Civil Rights Commission has been dismissed. That is Paper B-B. The United States Commission on Civil Rights has not yet rendered a decision. If it, too, dismisses, Mr Barconey will have the right to sue in civil court.