



# Synod of the Covenant

*General Assembly Administrative Commission  
Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)*

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Assembly Meeting August 28, 2020 1pm ET, via Zoom

## Stated Clerk Report

May the grace of the Triune God be upon his people. Amen.

Here is the report of the stated clerk.

1. **OGA Synod Minutes Review**. We received the report from the office of the GA. There were no exceptions, but comments were made, essentially pointing out the same five (5) issues in both years. This means that as a Synod we need to follow these recommendations and be conscious of them for future minutes, for example: providing more time to worship during meetings and not to repeat the information already given in the body of the minute as an attachment.

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Year 2018

No Exceptions

### Comments

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Year 2019

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2. **Presbytery Minutes Review**

On August 17, 2020, the Presbyteries Stated Clerks convene to conduct our annual review of minutes (2019) by Zoom.

1. Ten of the eleven clerks were present.
2. After sharing about the challenges these times represent for each presbytery and how God has guided us, we joined in virtual rooms to share comments and observations on the minutes. We are already circulating the comments received.
3. Larry Hollar, SC of Miami Valley Presbytery, shared that this would be his last meeting as secretary as he is in the retirement process. Larry will also serve on the AG's permanent judicial commission. We are deeply grateful for his work and faithfulness to God.
4. We have received many words of gratitude and affirmation and some have expressed their desire to serve again at the Synod level. As one Clerk said: 'there is good camaraderie among the clerks and we truly profit from each other's wisdom and support.'
5. We agreed that the last page of the minutes will be sent to the Synod's office to be signed and stamped as approved.

With appreciation for the opportunity to serve you, I respectfully submit this report.

En Cristo,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. H. Rojas-Banuchi'. The signature is stylized with cursive-like flourishes.

Rev. Richard H. Rojas-Banuchi

Stated Clerk AC/SoC