

The Association of Stated Clerks

Scope:

The Association of Stated Clerks is an organization of Stated Clerks of the Presbyterian Church (USA), and Affiliate members who share common goals and interests relating to the work of the office of Stated Clerk. Affiliate Members are (1) persons not currently in active service as stated clerks, but who formerly served at least five years as a stated clerk and who have paid current dues; or (2) persons not currently in active service as stated clerks but who support the purposes of the organization, (3) persons who serve as instructors in polity, (4) or persons who wish to embark upon training preparatory to election as a stated clerk. This organization represents all Synods and Presbyteries within the United States and Puerto Rico, and is divided into seven regions throughout the denomination.

Regional Representatives

All Regional Representatives are elected at the Annual Meeting of the Association by ballot of the voting members of each region. Each representative serves for two years or until their successors are elected. Representatives representing the odd-numbered regions shall be elected in the odd-numbered years, and those representing even-numbered regions shall be elected in even-numbered years. Regions are designated by the following Synod boundaries:

- 1) Northwest: Alaska-Northwest, Pacific, and Rocky Mountains
- 2) Southwest: Southern California and Hawaii, and Southwest
- 3) Northcentral: Covenant, Lakes and Prairies, and Lincoln Trails
- 4) Southcentral: Mid-America, and Sun
- 5) Northeast: Boriquen en Puerto Rico, and Northeast
- 6) Eastcentral: Mid-Atlantic, and Trinity
- 7) Southeast: Living Waters, and South Atlantic

Organization:

At the annual meeting of the Association of Stated Clerks, Officer and regional representatives are elected. The terms of office are designated by the Bylaws of the Association. Officers are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The Executive Committee consists of the currently elected officers, the chairperson of the nominating committee and the regional representatives. The Association currently has a website at www.statedclerks.org that serves as a resource for all interested persons.

Goals:

The Association has developed the *Manual on Judicial Process*, produces an analysis of proposed amendments to the *Book of Order*, and has available a *Skills Bank* where names and contact information of Stated Clerks who have expertise and experience in a wide range of subjects are available. The Association conducts an annual gathering/conference of Stated Clerks and participates in planning the annual Fall Polity Conference conducted by the Office of the General Assembly. Every bit as important, membership in the Association provides outstanding opportunities for networking and fellowship.

Theological Emphasis:

It is not customary for stated clerks to identify with or espouse any particular theological viewpoint. It is customary, however for stated clerks to uphold the tenets of the Book of Order and offering training and direction relating to the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (USA).

Annual Budget:

The Association of Stated Clerks receives income from dues (\$50.00 per year per member) and from the annual spring conference (participants pay a registration fee which is based on costs for the conference program, meals, and lodging). At year-end 2008, the General Fund Balance was over \$14,693. It has an Annual Budget of nearly \$24,000.

Employees:

The Association has one part-time employee, its Executive Secretary, Elder Stafford Fredericks at 70 hours per year.