



Presbytery of Great Rivers

Bringing Hope: Every Hour, Every Day

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Dear Clerks of Session,

It's Annual Statistics time! Please look through your Annual Stats Packet and review the information below. As always, you can call me anytime with questions at 309-683-6980.

Following is your church's information for entering your annual stats.

<u>City</u>	<u>Church Name</u>	<u>PIN / User ID</u>	<u>Password</u>
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FORMS

- Forms you can download and type in the information can be found on our website under the *Resources* tab. (www.greatriverspby.org/resources) They are the same ones as included in your packet.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **December 4, 2020** (Friday)
First day of SOC (Statistics Of Church)
- **February 18, 2021** (Thursday)
Last day the SOC (Statistics Of Church) entry option will be available to churches.

REMEMBER! This is the time to go through your membership rolls. Reduction of membership directly affects your per capita.

COMMON ERRORS

When logging in to enter stats, the most common errors when there is a problem are:

- Not putting the leading zero in the user name. The system is looking for a 5-digit user name.
- Leaving off the '!' at the end of the password. About 90% of the church passwords have a '!' at the end.
- Mixing up the capital letter I with the number 1. They look very similar in the online password report.
- Using an old password.



ENTERING DATA

- You can enter the data from the link on our website Home page, or type in the following:
<https://ogaapps.pcusa.org/soc/AdvancedSearch.aspx>
- **OR** you can complete the enclosed **2020 annual report SOC** form and mail it to the presbytery office to be enter. Forms need to be in the office no later than February 14, 2021.



FORMS FOR PRESBYTERY

Items to be returned to the Presbytery of Great Rivers for permanent filing & database. Please complete the following forms and email (office@greatriverspby.org) or mail to: Presbytery of Great Rivers, 3601 N Sheridan Road, Peoria, IL 61604.

PLEASE print clearly using a black pen.

1. Church Information Form
2. Necrology Report
3. Trustee's Annual Report



ONLINE FORMS

The online forms can be found on the Presbytery's website, www.greatriverspby.org. Under the **Resources** tab, click on **2020 Annual Stats**.

- 2021 Terms of Call
- 2021 Contract
- 2020 Statistics Of Church (SOC)



New! **ADDITIONAL VISION REVIEW & FEEDBACK** (See attached Letter)

Since hosting September Town Halls, we discovered that the pandemic has made visioning work more relevant and helped us sharpen our focus in understanding our needs. After carefully reviewing the town halls and listening for identity and aspirational desires for our presbytery, a draft vision statement was created by the Presbytery's Visioning Team. We now invite all our churches to have an opportunity to be part of this process. We ask each session in our Presbytery to **review the enclosed draft of the "2020 Vision Statement for the Presbytery of Great Rivers" and report feedback to the Presbytery by Dec. 31, 2020** – email (office@greatriverspby.org) or mail (3601 N. Sheridan Rd, Peoria, IL 61604).

REMINDER Board of Pensions ERN-111: all changes are submitted online through BOP directly.

I am typically in the office Monday through Friday from 8 am to 3:30 pm. Please feel free to contact me with questions or assistance (309-683-6980). If I am not at my desk to answer the phone, please leave a message and I will get back to you as soon as possible. 😊

God's Blessings

Patti

Patti Parrish
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Enc. Letter
Necrology Report
Trustee's Annual Report
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