

Stated Clerk/General Presbyter Report  
Blackhawk Presbytery meeting  
September 11, 2018

I want to begin by thanking the members of Blackhawk Presbytery for the cards (100's of them), the emails, the texts, the expressions of prayer (more than I can count) as I underwent surgery for colon cancer and the subsequent recovery period. You all have been a blessing to me and my wife and I thank God for each of you and for the calling to be part of this community of faith.

Motion: That the 2019 dates and locations of the Stated meetings of the Presbytery of Blackhawk be set as:

February 12: First Presbyterian Church of DuPage, Bolingbrook

April 9: First Presbyterian, Morris

June 11: Stronghold, Oregon

September 10: Oswego Presbyterian Church

November 12: 2<sup>nd</sup> Congregational/1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian, Rockford

First reading of revision to the Ecclesiastical Administrative Manual.

Eliminating the Business Affairs Committee and assigning its responsibilities to the Presbytery Council.

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(Although, a good part of my summer was spent recovering, some things still got done)

Attended 223<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly as a Commissioner

Attended retirement celebration for Dale Dykstra

Member Illinois Conference of Churches Public Policy Committee

Staff the Commission on Ministry, Nominating Committee, Council, Presbytery

Assembly Planning Committee and Trustees

Assist churches searching for interim/transitional pastors and Pastor Nominating Committees, performed computer matching for Pastor Nominating Committees to consider, conducted background checks on finalists and consulted with the PNCs and COM as needed.

Provided background and reference checks to calling Presbyteries.

Participated in Synod of Lincoln Trails Executive Collegium