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To: Pastors, Clerk of Sessions, and Presbytery Stated Clerks

From: Jeff Jeremiah, EPC Stated Clerk

The 36th General Assembly will be held at Ward Church in Northville, Michigan. Features of this year's Assembly include:

- EPC Leadership Institute Tracks – eleven tracks to choose from on Tuesday afternoon, June 21.
- Leadership Institute presentation Wednesday morning, June 22, focuses on a Christian response to homosexuality with Christopher Yuan (www.christopheryuan.com).
- Leadership Institute presentation Thursday morning, June 23, will be a broad look at the current situation in the Middle East with World Outreach workers and guest speaker Juliana Taimoorazy, founder of the Iraqi Christian Relief Council (www.iraqichristianrelief.org).
- Worship service preachers include Scott McKee (host pastor), Davi Gomes (Presbyterian Church of Brazil), and Leighton Ford.
- Assembly convenes on Wednesday afternoon, June 22.
- Business concludes, as usual, on Saturday, June 25, around noon.

YOUR TIMELY COMPLETION OF THESE STEPS (ESPECIALLY STEPS ONE AND TWO) IS CRUCIAL TO EFFECTIVE PREPARATION FOR THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

PLEASE BE SURE TO MEET THESE IMPORTANT DEADLINES AS YOU PREPARE TO PARTICIPATE AT THIS YEAR'S ANNUAL MEETING.

FEBRUARY/MARCH: ELECTION AND CERTIFICATION OF COMMISSIONERS

STEP ONE: Election of Commissioners should be completed at the FEBRUARY or MARCH meeting of your Session.

STEP TWO: Certification of Commissioners – Timely submission of a completed Commissioner Certification Form is required for ensuring your Commissioners are given voting status. Report those Ruling Elders who have been elected Commissioners (first and last name and email

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address) using the enclosed Commissioner Certification Form. The form also is available on the 2016 General Assembly web page (www.epc.org/ga2016) in a pdf fillable and print form. This form must be certified with the Clerk of Session's signature and may be sent by fax (734-742-2033), e-mail (epchurch@epc.org) or by mail to the address provided on the form.

APRIL: REGISTRATION OF COMMISSIONERS AND VISITORS

STEP THREE: Registration of Commissioners and all others attending the Assembly begins on April 1. Commissioners are able to register online and pay for fees, meals, and any other scheduled events via credit card. Inform Commissioners to visit the 2016 GA web page (www.epc.org/ga2016) for the link to online registration and informational updates such as hotel, ground transportation, and schedule updates. A registration-by-mail option will be available for those who require it. Registration brochures are scheduled to be mailed in April. Please ensure that registration for certified commissioners is completed by May 31, as on June 1 all registration costs double!

MAY: MEMORIALS

A special moment at each Assembly is when we remember and honor those Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders who have died during the previous Assembly year (June-June). The Committee on Memorials and Appreciation welcomes the responsibility of compiling and then reading this list of servants to the Assembly.

To facilitate reporting and maintain accuracy, the enclosed form has been developed for your use. Feel free to photocopy it as needed. The form may also be found on the 2016 General Assembly web page in e-form and print form. Completed forms may be sent by fax (734-742-2033), e-mail (epchurch@epc.org) or by mail to the address provided on the form. Please remember to include the number of years served as an elder or minister and the exact date of death. We appreciate your assistance in helping us as we seek to honor those now departed who served God in our churches as Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders.

God bless you! We're looking forward to a great meeting at this year's General Assembly!