

**Presbytery of Monmouth
Report of the Session Records Committee**

The Session records for calendar year 2015 of the following churches were reviewed by the Session Records Committee during the month of April and May with the following commendations and exceptions noted:

Church	Exceptions	Commendations
Allentown	Report annually the Annual Statistical Report regarding membership and the corresponding makeup of the Session	Church is very active. Youth program is very important and well run. Minutes are very detailed, complete. Roll is complete and reflective of Session minutes.
Atlantic Highlands	None	“Think Tank”; Cents-a-Bility grant for Area Assoc of Community Churches Food Pantry; Future Story Project; By-laws amended Atlantic Highlands is dealing with a smaller congregation, but still active in the Area Association of Community Churches’ Food Pantry. The Church formed a “Think Tank” to consider the future and outreach of the congregation, considered participating in the “Future Story Project”.
Belmar	None	
Bordentown		
Brick	None	It is nice to see all of the youth group activities the Jr & Sr High students participate in. Seeing that they are interested in and actively seeking fellowship outside of worship is heartwarming! Minutes are clean and concise.
Cranbury	None	
Bayville-Morningstar	None	
Bayville-Cliffwood Beach		
Englishtown	None	
Freehold	None	
Forked River	Maiden names not recorded for women applicants for church membership. No financial review report conducted this year	Minutes are neat and in good order. Active church!
Hightstown	Moderator signature not found for meeting minutes; Training and examination of Elder and Deacon nominees not recorded.	

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Hope – Tinton Falls		
Cornerstone of Jackson		
Jacksonville	Not all minutes record the approval and/or corrections of the minutes of the last meeting. Maiden names not recorded for women applicants for church membership. No attendance record noted for Elders appointed as commissioners to GA, Synod or Presbytery.	
Korean Church NJ		
Jamesburg		
Lakehurst	None	
Lakewood	The minutes of congregational meetings should be signed by both the Moderator and the Clerk. Not reqd to indicate who makes or seconds a motion.	Although small in numbers, the congregation is strong, supportive and prayerful. Many references to pastoral care of members.
Hope Church, Lakewood	Include minutes of Congregational Meeting and a copy of approved annual budget next year	
Lincroft	None	
Long Branch	Full report of Treasurer's books by Financial Review	
Manasquan	Feb-2-2015 meeting minutes missing moderator's signature	Great books!
Matawan	Signature of president of corporation missing.	
Millstone	None	

Church	Exceptions	Commendations
New Egypt (Plumsted)	None	All records are in good order.
New Gretna	None	Books are in good shape. Minutes are clear and concise.
Church on the Hill, Ocean	None	Very busy church and congregation! Clerk does an excellent job of reporting issues, events and recording motions.
Pierce Memorial		
Point Pleasant	None	Very active congregation that cares for its own and the community it serves, always with the love of God in the name of Christ.
Principe de Paz		
Red Bank	Applicants for church membership: please provide maiden names and names of Parents for children for baptisms; No record of review of Deacons minutes.	
Oak Grove Retreat	No page number for cross references to previous actions of Session	Registers are informative and concise. I am impressed by the outreach and support Oak Grove Presbyterian gives to both its members and the community. I enjoyed examining your minutes!
Old Tennent	Need to record location of session meetings; Record each meeting was opened and closed with prayer; Page number minutes	Minutes reflect the life of the church, however, further details would be desirable. Minutes are very easy to read.
Rumson	Record # who received the Lord's Supper at the next regular Session meeting Record Annual Statistical Report regarding membership – Approved, but no copy included Register not provided for review.	
Sayreville		
Shrewsbury	None	

Church	Exceptions	Commendations
South Amboy		
Toms River	None	Minutes are very neat and easy to read. Amazed to read that young people were making their own Lenten Devotional booklet, with so many volunteers willing to author entries for the booklet.
Trinity (E. Brunswick)	None	
Tuckerton	Include maiden name of mother of child for baptisms. Identify name of church for membership transfers (page 1049); Show action taken by Session regarding review of the Pastor(s) salary; Annually indicate the review of minutes of deacons, trustees and other organizations.	Congratulations on welcoming a new class of confirmands with a service project.
Westminster		
Wright Memorial (Barnegat)	Record type of called meeting. Record training and examination of Elder and Deacon nominees	
Yardville		

Attendance History
(Review Years 2013-2015)

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Allentown	x	x	x
Atlantic Highlands	x	x	x
Barnegat	x		
Bayville - Cliffwood Beach			
Bayville - Morningstar	x		x
Belmar	x	x	
Bordentown		x	x
Brick	x	x	x
Cranbury	x	x	x
East Brunswick - Trinity	x	x	
Englishtown	x	x	x
Farmingdale - Pierce Mem	x		
Forked River	x	x	x
Freehold	x		x
Hightstown	x	x	x
Jackson	x	x	x
Jacksonville	x	x	x
Jamesburg		x	
Korean - Millenium Birth NCD		x	x
Lakehurst	x	x	x
Lakewood - Hope	x		x
Lakewood First	x		x
Lincroft	x	x	x

	<u>2015</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2013</u>
Long Branch	x	x	x
Manasquan	x	x	x
Matawan	x	x	x
Middletown - Westminster			
Millstone - Perrineville	x	x	x
Neptune - MLK			
New Egypt	x	x	x
New Gretna	x		x
Oak Grove	x	x	x
Ocean - Church on the Hill	x	x	x
Old Tennent	x		
Principe de Paz	x		
Pt Pleasant	x	x	x
Red Bank	x	x	x
Rumson	x	x	x
Sayreville	x		
Shrewsbury	x	x	x
South Amboy		x	x
Sykesville			
Tinton Falls	x	x	x
Toms River	x		
Tuckerton	x	x	
Yardville			