

REPORT TO THE SENATE  
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This report will be brief due to the extensive time that we have had together at the Senate meetings.

I first want to thank you for a marvelous experience this year. The spirit of all who were present created an environment within which we did indeed “covenant together to deepen our spiritual journeys and increase our effectiveness as leaders in Christ’s church.” I experienced a profound sense of community, a deepening of the spiritual life and our ability to lead was enhanced by our work together. Thank you.

The days leading up to the senate were marked by 1. preparing for the senate and 2. completing our IRS reports. I am grateful to the Executive Committee for appointing a finance committee to help me oversee the financial dimensions of our life.

Just prior to the Senate, I enjoyed the fine hospitality of the Great Rivers Region staff. Together we talked about finding ways to better support ministers and their ministries. I’ve been invited back to their annual meeting in October.

Immediately after the senate, Alice Greene and I spent time with the General Board Executive Committee in Valley Forge. Alice spent more time there than I. Together we were invited to report on our Senate meetings and I was invited to lead them in worship.

Allow me a reminder: I am grateful and impressed at the number of assignments that were accepted at our senate meetings. Thanks for fulfilling those assignments in a timely way. Or, if like me, subtly is lost on you, please get them in! (Smile)

FYI: Soon, I’ll be spending about a week with family vacationing in Florida. I will be less available during that week but Sue Sechrist can help with most things.