

Jeanne Perry, Ruling Elder

Community Presbyterian Church, Chester

**Local Church Involvement:**

In the 49 years I have been a member of Community Presbyterian Church, I have been a Sunday School teacher, Church School director, Youth group leader, Elder, Clerk of Session, Chair of our Peach Festival fundraiser, and choir member. I currently sing in the choir, am an active Elder chairing our Mission Council, and an active member of PW.

**Presbytery Involvement:**

I have served on Committee (Commission) on Ministry for six years from 2018 - 2024 as part of the Pastor Parish Team. I was liaison to five churches, three of which changed pastors during that time. I also served on two administrative commissions and one investigative commission.

**Have you attended General Assembly as a Commissioner before? If so, when?**

No

**Have you attended General Assembly on your own before? If so, when?**

No

**Tell us about yourself:**

I am a retired English teacher for 18 years. My husband and I raised three children and I have five grandchildren with whom I try to stay in contact. (They are all grown except for the youngest who is still in high school. I have been active politically periodically and I have remained very active in my church. I also exercise regularly. My husband and I like to travel which is becoming more challenging as we age. My time is mostly taken up with family, caring for our property, house, and animals (dog, cat, donkey, and chickens), as well as church work.

**What excites you or concerns you about G.A.?**

I am excited to become educated about the issues that concern the church overall. I look at being a GA Commissioner as a once in a lifetime opportunity to be involved in shaping the church that has shaped my life since I was a child. I look forward to hearing new ideas about the challenges we face as a religious organization and new solutions and directions that are available to us.

**What excites you or concerns you about the church today?**

I am concerned about being too entrenched in traditions that are not adaptive to a changing societal landscape. I am excited to see new trends emerging and new ways to bring people to God or God to people such as Sanctuary and Seed in our Presbytery.