

Honoring the Saints in Our Annual Necrology Report

In response to a request made by many congregations, General Council has shifted the Annual Necrology of the Presbytery of Geneva from our January Stated Meeting of the Presbytery to our November Stated Meeting of the Presbytery. This year's reporting period will be from January 1, 2024 to October 31, 2024. Next year, the reporting period will be from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025. We ask that you forward your congregational Necrology Report by **5 November 2024** to:

Bob Sell
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AND

Bruce Incze
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We ask your assistance in recognizing, honoring and giving thanks for the saints who passed into glory in 2024, having served this presbytery as Ruling Elders or Teaching Elders. We shall also recognize congregations that have run their race and were disestablished in 2024.

We always try to capture the most complete record we can for the Necrology Report. It is our heartfelt desire to recognize, honor, and give thanks for each servant who has gone to receive the rewards of their labor. Completeness can only be achieved when we receive this information from the congregations.

We ask the Clerks of Session for the following information:

1. The first and last name of the individual. Middle names can be added and "nicknames" for middle names are welcome.
2. A phonetic spelling of any names that are likely to be mispronounced by a stranger. We ask for this information because their names will be read aloud as part of the Necrology Ceremony.
3. A photo, if provided, will be shown in the presentation as we read the name of each individual. Oftentimes a photo is not available, but if one is, we shall show it.
4. If you have an ordination date, we will include that in the presentation as well. This piece of information is often difficult to find and is simply a "nice-to-have."

If you have had a year without experiencing a loss, we would like to know this as well so that we know that your church family is accounted for.

For whatever reason, if you anticipate that your Clerk of Session/congregation will have difficulty providing the names of the Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders who passed in 2024, please let us know, using the emails for Bob Sell and Bruce Incze provided above.

This call for data will be repeated in the October newsletter. I thank you in advance for your support in this effort to honor our colleagues who have passed into glory.

Pastor Bruce Incze
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On behalf of the Committee on Leader Care
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