

Presbytery of Newton
Stated Meeting
Report of the Presbytery Coordinating Team
September 15, 2020

Items for Consent Agenda:

None.

Items for Actions:

None.

Items for Report:

From the May 26, 2020 Meeting:

PCT-1

Reviewed the May 12th Zoom Presbytery meeting. Agreed to plan the September meeting via ZOOM.

PCT-2

Reviewed financial reports and discussed Presbytery's PPP loan application.

PCT-3

Agreed to send a communication to pastors, clerks and treasurers encouraging them to continue their per capita payments.

PCT-4

Agreed to letter to pastors distributing their annual pastors ID card and asking them to make a contribution to per capita.

PCT-5

ReEntry team reported that they were having regional gatherings with pastors and congregational members.

PCT-6

Received report that the NJ Transition Working Group was moving slowly but making small steps forward.

From the June 30, 2020 Meeting:

PCT-7

The PCT continued their conversations about “How to Lead When You Don’t Know Where You’re Going”. The Synod of Northeast will sponsor a 2-hour seminar with author Rev. Susan Beaumont and the NJ Presbyteries will sponsor/host a one-day Pastor Retreat with Rev. Beaumont.

PCT-8

Planned the September Presbytery Meeting – focus on Matthew 25 theme of Dismantling Systemic Racism and Report from the General Assembly Commissioners.

PCT-9

Reviewed Presbytery Financial reports.

PCT-10

Discussed having more Presbytery meetings that were shorter on time.

From the August 25, 2020 Meeting:

PCT-11

Approved a request from the Nominating Committee that the Emerging Ministry and Mission Co-op (EMMCO) be put on furlough until a time the new presbytery can evaluate the next steps in the presbytery structure.

PCT-12

Reviewed the August conversation with Rev. Susan Beaumont.

PCT-13

Reviewed the Special meeting of the Presbytery for examination of a candidate for ordination. The comments were very favorable.

PCT-14

Continued planning for the September Presbytery meeting.

PCT-15

Approved the following schedule for the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Newton through the end of 2020:

- September 15, 2020, 7 PM via ZOOM
- October 20, 2020, 7 PM via ZOOM
- November 10, 2020, 7 PM via ZOOM
- December 10, 2020, 7 PM via ZOOM (if needed)

PCT-16

Discussed NJ Presbytery Transition impact to staff position descriptions. Conversation to continue.

PCT-17

Discussed Financial Update and Budget 2021.

PCT-18

Worship team presented plans for September Presbytery meeting.

PCT-19

ReEntry team reported that the Trustees have taken on the reviewing congregational reentry plans.

PCT-20

NJ Transition – Progress is being made. A report from the Working Group was to be distributed by September 4. The PCT agreed to distribute the report to the Presbytery for first read at the September presbytery meeting and vote on it at the October Presbytery meeting.