

Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Newton Presbytery
 Online ZOOM Meeting
 Tuesday, May 12th, 2020
*(to be approved at the September 15th, 2020 Stated Meeting of the
 Newton Presbytery)*

The Body of Christ, A Call to Gather

The Presbytery of Newton of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held its Stated Meeting on May 12th, 2020 on the ZOOM platform.

The Moderator, Ruling Elder Ken Nickel, called the meeting to order at 7 pm and led the opening prayer.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The roll was formed as Commissioners signed the registration forms. Stated Clerk, Teaching Elder Jeremy Campbell, certified that a quorum was present.

REPORT OF THE ATTENDANCE CLERK

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>		<u>Ruling Elder</u>	
Allamuchy, Panther Valley	Rev. Ninabeth Metcalf	A		A
Alpha	Rev. Tex Culton (HR)	P		A
Andover	Rev. Karen Brostrom (HR)	A		A
Belvidere	Rev. Dr. Pamela Szurek	A		A
Blairstown	Rev. David Harvey	P	Deborah Albrecht	P
Boonton (2)	Rev. Jennifer Van Zandt	P	Ellen Scardena	P A
Branchville (2)	Rev. Dr. Jefferson Hatch	P	Debbie Anderson	P A
Califon, Fairmount	Rev. Kathryn Shevel	P	David Peterson	P
Califon, Lower Valley	Rev. Chad Rodgers	P		A
Cedar Knolls, Hildale Park	Rev. Ross Lang	A		A
Chatham Township (2)	Rev. Heather Morrison-Yaden Rev. Thomas Brown	P P		A A
Chatham, Ogden Memorial	Rev. Kathi Heath	P	Marcia Casais	P
Chester	Rev. Christopher Scrivens		Jeanne Perry	P
Delaware	Rev. Amy Sandlin	P		A
Denville, Union Hill	Rev. Tim Clarkson	P		A

Dover, First Memorial (2)	Rev. Alan Schaefer (HR)	A	Ed Dorsey	P A
East Hanover	Rev. Joanne Miller	P		A
East Hanover, Kitchell	Rev. Dan Schroeder	P		A
Flanders	Rev. Richard Oppelt	P	Craig Heal	P
Florham Park, Calvary	Rev. Ronald de Groot			A
Franklin	Rev. Julie Raffety	P	AnnRoss	P
Gillette, Meyersville	Rev. Barbara Aspinall	P		A
Hackettstown (2)	Rev. Brian Merritt	P	Carl Erickson	P A
Hampton, Musconetcong Valley	Stephanie Farley, CRE	A		A
Hazen, Oxford 1st	Rev. Amy Sandlin	P		A
Long Valley (2)	Rev. Robin Curras	P	Mel Prestamo Gary Woodring	P P
Long Valley, Highlands	Rev. Claire Pula	P	Lyn Smith	P
Madison (2)	Vacant	E	Becky Moody	P A
Mendham (2)	Vacant Rev. Alison Paden	P		A A
Mine Hill	Rev. Charles Thompson	A	Debbie Hooper	P
Morris Plains (2)	Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet	P	Alec Jain	P A
Morristown (3)	Rev. Dr. David Smazik Rev. Sarah Green	P P	David Darcy Wendy Doidge Lisa Fraebel	P P P
New Vernon (2)	Rev. William Stone	P	Christin Willis	P A
Newton (2)	Rev. David Young	P	Scott Hoffman Terry VanAuken	P P
Newton, Yellow Frame	Rev. Michael Nelms	A		A
Oak Ridge	Rev. Christopher Doyle	P	Dave McDonald	P
Ogdensburg	Rev. Alden Johnson	A		A
Oxford 2nd	Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards	A		A
Parsippany	Rev. Donald Bragg	A		A
Phillipsburg, Harmony	Rev. Scott Bohr	P		A
Phillipsburg, Pilgrim	Rev. Richard Gelson	P	Doris Haring	P
Phillipsburg, Westminster	Vacant	E		A
Port Murray, Rockport	Tyler Callum, Student Pastor	A		A

Rockaway (2)	Rev. Dr. Nancy Young	P	Joe Martinoni Laurie Morse	P P
Sparta (2)	Rev. Dr. Patrick Sileo	P		A A
Stanhope (2)	Vacant	E		A A
Stewartsville (2)	Rev. Stephen Choi	P		A A
Stewartsville, Old Greenwich (2)	Rev. Anita Hendrix	A		A A
Stirling	Rev. Dr. Thomas Peters	A		A
Succasunna (2)	Rev. Carie Morgan	P	Pat Shortridge	P A
Sussex (2)	Rev. Amy Lawrence	P	Charles Bates	P A
Wantage, Beemerville	Rev. Barry Young	A	Dave Simmons	P
Washington (2)	Rev. James Scovell	A		A A
Wharton	Rev. Kathleen Stone	A	Alyson Landini-Casola	P
Wharton, Berkshire Valley	Rev. Christopher Doyle	P	Fred Wawra	P
Wharton, Hungarian	Rev. Csilla Lucskay	A		A
Whippany (2)	Rev. Sarah Cairatti	P		A A

Teaching Elders Engaged in a Validated Ministry

Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble (<i>This Child Here Inc.</i>)	P
Rev. Heup Young Kim (<i>Professor – Kangnam University, South Korea</i>)	E
Rev. Unzu Lee (<i>World Mission Office of Asia and the Pacific</i>)	P
Rev. Peter Magnan (<i>Interim Pastor - Presbyterian Church at Tenafly</i>)	P
Rev. Joanne Miller (<i>Pastoral Counseling – Grace Counseling Center</i>)	P
Rev. Barbara Peters (<i>Pastor – Wilson Memorial Union Church, Watchung</i>)	A
Rev. Bronc Radak (<i>Interim Pastor – First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, NY</i>)	A
Rev. Jeanne Radak (<i>Presbytery Leader – Newton Presbytery</i>)	P
Rev. Salvatore Seirmarco (<i>Chaplain – United Methodist Communities</i>)	P
Rev. Angella Son (<i>Professor – Drew University</i>)	P

Members at Large

Rev. Scott Foster	P
Rev. Elizabeth Morrison	A
Rev. Hayley O'Connor	A
Rev. Gail Pendleton	A

Honorably Retired

Rev. Peter Amerman	E
Rev. Jeff Archer	E
Rev. John Arnedt	E
Rev. Arthur Benjamin	E

Rev. Clifford Bergdahl	E
Rev. George Blank	E
Rev. Karen Brostrom <i>(serving Andover)</i>	E
Rev. James Coen	E
Rev. Robert Colman	E
Rev. Cindy Crouner	E
Rev. William Culton <i>(serving Alpha)</i>	P
Rev. James D'Angelo	E
Rev. William Davis	E
Rev. Richard Dole	E
Rev. Birda Ferguson	E
Rev. Guy Ferguson	E
Rev. Janet Fishburn	E
Rev. Richard Gibbins	E
Rev. Dr. Edward Halldorson	E
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hall	E
Rev. Herbert Huffmon	E
Rev. Harold Johnson	P
Rev. Eugenia Johnston	E
Rev. Dr. David Lawrence	P
Rev. William Lehr	E
Rev. Tony MacNaughton	P
Rev. Chet Penza	E
Rev. Donald Prytherch	P
Rev. Jack Roan	E
Rev. Stephen Ross	E
Rev. Alan Schaefer <i>(serving Dover)</i>	E
Rev. Donald Scott	E
Rev. Lorrie Skinner	P
Rev. Sherman Skinner	P
Rev. Sara Taylor	E
Rev. Charles Thompson	E

Ruling Elders by Virtue of Office

Paula Benson, PCT Moderator <i>(Highlands Presyberian Church, Long Valley)</i>	P
John Crozier, COM Moderator <i>(First Presbyterian Church of Boonton)</i>	P
Lisa Gray, Presbyterian Women Moderator <i>(Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, Stewartsville)</i>	P
Scott Riker, PCT Member <i>(Highlands Presbyterian Church, Long Valley)</i>	P
Ken Nickel, Presbytery Moderator <i>(First Presbyterian Church of Boonton)</i>	P

Others in Attendance

Rev. Jeremy Campbell, Stated Clerk <i>(Newton & Elizabeth Presbyteries)</i>	P
Sonja Gaertner, Office Manager & Attendance Clerk <i>(Newton Presbytery)</i>	P
Lizabeth Hutchinson, Financial Administrator <i>(Newton Presbytery)</i>	P

Total in Attendance – 88

~ Sonja Gaertner, Attendance Clerk – Newton Presbytery

Introductory Items

Quorum was present

ENROLLMENT OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

United Presbyterian Church, Flanders – Craig Heal

Beemerville Presbyterian Church – Dave Simmons

Wharton United - Alyson Landini Casola

First Presbyterian Church, New Vernon - Christin Willis

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the docket

REPORT ON ARRANGMENTS:

Stated Clerk Jeremy Campbell reviewed the methods of using Zoom for a Stated Meeting.

A video greeting from Vilmarie Cintrón-Olivieri and Cindy Kohlmann the Co-Moderators of the 223rd General Assembly (2018) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

STATED CLERKS REPORT:

Consent Agenda

SC-1

Approve the minutes of the Presbytery meeting held March 10, 2020.

SC-2

Approve excuses for the Presbytery meeting of May 12, 2020.

SC-3

Receive the 2019 Presbytery Statistical Report

SC-4

Receive the report of the Committee on Ministry.

SC-5

Receive the report of the Presbytery Coordinating Team.

SC-6

Receive the report of the Nominating Committee.

Consent Agenda APPROVED

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY

We acknowledged the retirement of Rev. Heup Young Kim, and approved the status of Honorably Retired.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

Presbytery Coordinating Team (PCT)

The Presbytery Coordinating Team (PCT) is responsible for:

- coordinating the work of the Presbytery
- continuing to explore vision for the Presbytery's journey
- serving as the interpreter for the ministry and mission of the Presbytery
- organizing Presbytery meetings: (planning, content and worship)
- telling our story and providing resources in Stewardship for congregations
- preparing the annual budget
- encouraging the generosity of congregations
- nominating the nominating committee
- overseeing matters of personnel in relation to paid and volunteer staff
- relating to all other councils of the church.

9 elected members for 3-year term, plus Current Moderator, Vice Moderator and immediate past Moderator. Staff resource: Presbytery Leader (PL) and Stated Clerk (SC)

PCT meets 5 times a year on the 4th Tuesday (7 pm) of February, April, June, October and November. Also meets at a called meeting in August for vote on the annual Budget.

Presbytery Coordinating Team (PCT)

- Class of 2021
 - Rev. Anita Hendrix (A) (Old Greenwich/Stewartsville)
 - Elder John Hellreigel (A) (Chester/Community)
 - Elder Paula Benson (B) (Highlands/Long Valley) (PCT Co-Moderator)
 - Elder Kenneth Nickel (Boonton/First) (Immediate Past Moderator)
- Class of 2022
 - Rev. Kathi Heath (B) (Chatham/Ogden Memorial)
 - **Elder David "Pete" Peterson (A) (Califon/Fairmount)**
 - Rev. Chad Rodgers (B) (Califon/Lower Valley)
 - Rev. David Young (Newton/First) (Moderator)
- Class of 2023
 - Rev. Robin Miller Curras (Long Valley/Presbyterian) (Vice-Moderator)
 - **Elder Lisa Fraebel (A) (Morristown/Presbyterian)**

- **Elder Scott Riker (A) (Highlands/Long Valley)**
- **Rev. David Harvey (A) (Blairstown/First)**

Trustees

The Trustees are responsible for:

- Matters that deal with:
 - Real estate
 - Historic grants
 - Loans and loan guarantees
 - Sale and rental of church property
 - Manse and church building inspections
 - Management of the Presbytery's investments
 - Insurance and risk management
 - Legal issues as they arise
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6 elected for 3-year term, plus members co-opted as necessary.

The Trustees meet as necessary or called by the Trustee moderator.

Trustees

- Class of 2021
 - **Rev. Jen Van Zandt (B) (Boonton/First)**
 - Rev. Julie Raffety (A) (Franklin/First)
 -
- Class of 2022
 - Rev. Scott Bohr (B) – (Philipsburg/Harmony) (Moderator)
 - Elder Stuart Ours (B) (Washington/First)
- Class of 2023
 - **Vacant**
 - **Vacant**
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Emerging Ministry and Mission Co-op – EMMCO

The Emerging Ministry and Mission Co-op: Responsible for credentialing, funding, and evaluating the collaborative efforts of Presbytery's congregations and members who gather in partnerships for ministry and mission.

7 elected members for 3-year term (plus 1 appointed by PW with voice and vote). Others co-opted as necessary.

EMMCO normally meets as called by the moderator of EMMCO

Emerging Ministry and Mission Co-op (EMMCO)

- Class of 2021
 - Rev. Rich Gelson (A) (Philipsburg/Pilgrim)
 - Elder Karen Graf (A) (Washington/First)

- Rev. Tom Peters (B) (Stirling/First)
- Class of 2022
 - Rev. Amy Lawrence (B) (Sussex/First) (Moderator)
 - **Vacant**
 - **Vacant**
- **Class of 2023**
 - **Vacant**
 - **Vacant**
- Presbyterian Women Appointee – Nancy Lack (Florham Park/Calvary)

The Missional Ministry Team

The Missional Ministry Team:

- will seek to challenge and nurture congregations that are engaged in transformation and redevelopment.
- will provide experiences of growth for the leaders of these congregations.
- will oversee the development of new worshipping communities.
- will serve as a resource to congregations engaged in developing ministry strategies.

6 elected members for 3-year term, plus members co-opted as needed;
staff resource: Presbytery Leader (PL)

The MMT meets the second or third Wednesday of each month.

Missional Ministry Team

- Class of 2021
 - Rev. Chris Scrivens (B) (Chester/Community)
 - Rev. Ninabeth Metcalf (A) (Allamuchy/Panther Valley)
- Class of 2022
 - Elder Colleen Duffy, (B) (Newton/First)
 - **Vacant**
- Class of 2023
 - Rev. Scott Foster (A) (Madison)
 - **Rev. Chris Doyle, (A) (Oak Ridge/Presbyterian/Berkshire Valley/First)**

Committee on Preparation

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) Nurtures and encourages those who are discerning God's call to ministry as Teaching Elders or Commissioned Ruling Elders.

8 elected members (Teaching and Ruling Elders) for one 4- year term,
staff resource –Presbytery Leader
CPM meets on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30 pm.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)

- Class of 2021
 - Rev. Chet Penza (A) (HR)
 - Rev. Thomas Brown (B) (Chatham/Chatham Township) (Moderator)
 - Elder Donna Rahman (A) (Califon/Fairmount)
- Class of 2022
 - Rev. Stephen Choi (B) (Stewartsville/Presbyterian)
- Class of 2023
 - Rev. Dr. Nancy Young (A) (Rockaway/First)
 - **Vacant – elder**
- Class of 2024
 - **Rev. Bronc Radak (B) (Member at Large)**
 - **Elder Susan Vigilante (B) (Morris Plains/Presbyterian)**

Young Leader Formation Team

The Young Leader Formation Team will focus on the spiritual formation and leadership development of youth and young adult leaders in our congregations and Presbytery.

The team would be comprised of three Presbytery elected members, each with three-year terms. A fourth elected member will be for someone between the ages of 16-23 with a one-year term, renewable up to three years. An additional member will be a representative of Camp Johnsonburg, who will be appointed by the Johnsonburg Staff. This may be a staff person or a member of the Transforming Leaders ministry. This position will be appointed annually.

Responsibilities:

- facilitating/organizing/promoting youth and young adult participation in Triennium and other mission and learning focused events that nurture spiritual leaders who will shape the church in the future
- Providing for local leadership development and spiritual formation opportunities for youth and young adults.
- nurturing and supporting connections and networks of paid and unpaid leaders whose focus is youth and young adult ministry within the Presbytery.

Young Leader Formation Team

- Class of 2021

- Amy Clarkson (A) (Denville/Union Hill)
- Class of 2022
 - Patrick Allred (A) (Morristown)
- Class of 2023
 - **Laura Choi (A) (Stewartville/Presbyterian)**
- Class of 2021 Young Leader (one year term)
 - **Vacant**

Johnsonburg Leader

- Mandy Goff, Johnsonburg Program Director (appointed by Jburg)

Committee on Ministry

The Committee on Ministry (COM) nurtures and cares for all minister members of the presbytery (both active and retired), Certified Christian Educators and Commissioned Ruling Elders while they are serving in the presbytery's congregations; the congregations of the Presbytery and parish-pastoral relationships.

21 elected members (Teaching and Ruling Elders) for 3-year term
The COM meets on the First Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm

Committee on Ministry (COM)

- Class of 2021
 - Elder Jeanne Perry (A) (Chester/Community)
 - Rev. Brian Merritt (A) (Hackettstown/First)
 - Rev. Tim Clarkson (A) (Denville, Union Hill)
 - Rev. Amy Sandlin (B) (Hazen (1st Oxford) & Delaware/Presbyterian)
 - Elder Jean Bowers (A) (Washington/First)
 - Rev. Dr. Patrick Sileo (B) (Sparta/First)
 - Elder John Crozier (A) (Boonton/First) (Co-Moderator)
- Class of 2022
 - Rev. Karen Brostrom (A) (Andover/Presbyterian)
 - Elder Ginny Pontious (A), (Morristown/Presbyterian)
 - Rev. Alison Paden (B) (Mendham/First) (Co-Moderator)
 - Rev. Salvatore Seirmarco (B) (Chaplain)
 - Rev. Laurie Skinner (B) (HR)
 - Vacant –elder
 - Vacant- elder
- Class of 2023

- Elder Jerry Chandler (A) (Newton/First)
- Elder Betty Darcy (A) (Morristown/Presbyterian)
- Elder Sherry Guthrie (B) (Morristown/Presbyterian)
- Rev. Ross Lang (B) (Hildale Park/Cedar Knolls)
- Vacant - Elder
- Vacant - Clergy
- Vacant – clergy or elder

Permanent Judicial Commission

The information about roles and membership of PJC is found in Book of Order – D-5.000

Permanent Judicial Commission

- Class of 2022
 - Elder Ray Smickle (Belvidere/United)
 - Rev. Scott Foster (Madison/Presbyterian)
- Class of 2024
 - Rev. Barbara Aspinall (Gillette/Meyersville)
 - Elder Donna Keoppel (Boonton/First)
 - Elder Stuart Ours (First/Washington)
- Class of 2026
 - **Vacant - Elder**
 - **Rev. David Harvey (Blairstown/First)**

Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is responsible for recruiting and nominating committee and team members, including commissioners to the General Assembly and Synod. They also nominate Board members to Blair Academy and members to the Blair Consultation committee. The PCT nominates the members of the Nominating Committee.

Nominating Committee

The Presbytery Coordinating Team (PCT) nominates the following to the Nominating Committee:

- Class of 2021
 - Rev. James Scovell (A) (Washington/First)
 - Elder Lisa Gray (A) (Old Greenwich/Stewartsville)
- Class of 2022
 - Rev. Dr. Tom Peters (B) (Stirling/First)
 - **Vacant**
- Class of 2023

- **Rev. Dr. Edward Halldorson (B) (HR)**
- **Rev. Barbara Aspinall (B) (Gillette/Meyersville) (Moderator)**

Committee on Representation (COR)

The information about roles and membership of COR is found in the Book of Order – G-3.0103.

- Class of 2021
 - Elder Lisa Gray (A) (Old Greenwich/Stewartsville)
- Class of 2022
 - Rev. Dr. Tom Peters (B) (Stirling/First)
- Class of 2023
 - **Rev. Barbara Aspinall (B) (Gillette/Meyersville)**

General Assembly 2020 – 2022 (elected November 2019)

- Rev. David Young (Newton/First)
- Rev. Amy Sandlin (Delaware and Hazen)
- Elder Ken Nickel (Boonton/First)
- Elder Alec Jain (Morris Plains/Presbyterian)

Johnsonburg Board of Trustees (elected in November)

- Class of 2020 – Linda Schober (Morristown/Presbyterian) (calendar year)

Presbytery Officers

- Moderator – Rev. David Young
- **Vice Moderator – Rev. Robin Miller Curras**
- Treasurer – Elder Becky Moody (2019 -2023)
- **President of Corporation – Elder Paula Benson - Term: PCT moderator**
- Secretary of the Corporation – Rev. Scott Bohr (Philipsburg/Harmony) Term: Trustee Moderator

Synod of the Northeast Mission and Ministry Commission

Elected annually January to December

2021– Rev. Jeanne Radak

2021 – Elder Jeff Betz – Alternate

Synod Commissioner – Biannual Synod Assembly

Class of 2020

- Rev. Jeanne Radak (A)
- Elder Paula Benson (A)

Class of 2022

- **Rev. Stephen Choi (A)**
- Elder vacant
- YAD vacant

Blair Academy Consultation Team

The Blair Consultation Committee shall consist of three ministers and three lay people. Each year a class of two members is elected or reelected. Each year's class should consist of one minister and one lay person.

Two meetings are held annually, one in the spring and one in the fall. The Blair Consultation Committee should present a written report to the Presbytery Newton at least annually.

The role of the Blair Consultation Committee is to consult with members of the Board of Trustees, ordinarily through the Covenant Committee, as to programs, meetings, joint activities, scholarships, publications, and interests consistent with the two institutions' respective activities and missions. The Committee shall provide oversight to the actions of the Corporation; shall ensure that the terms of the Covenant are fulfilled; and shall offer support to the work/ministry of the Blair Academy Chaplain. (Covenant Between Blair Academy and the Presbytery of Newton, September 12, 1995)

- Class of 2021
 - Elder Barbara Morgan (A) (Berkshire Valley/First)
 - Rev. James Scovell (A) (Washington/First)
- Class of 2022
 - Rev. David Young (A) (Newton/First)
 - Elder Erika Wulster (B) (Blairstown/First)
- Class of 2023
 - **Elder Owen Newson (A) (Stanhope/First)**
 - **Rev. Barry Young (B) (Beemerville/Wantage)**

Blair Academy Trustees-

- **Class of 2022**
 - **Elder Amelia Wolfe (Madison/Presbyterian)**
- Class of 2021
 - Rev. David Harvey (Blairstown/First)
- Class of 2021
 - Elder Elise Bates-Russell (Long Valley/Presbyterian)

SLATE APPROVED AS PRESENTED

PRESBYTERY COORDINATING TEAM

Moderator Rev. Bill Stone thanks the Presbytery Staff as well as presented the following motions:

Motion: Recommend that for the remainder of 2020 that Newton Presbytery will only pay per capita that has been received from congregations to the General Assembly and Synod.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion: Recommend to the Presbytery that the revised budget be a working document that may need to be adjusted as more data is available.

MOTION APPROVED

Motion: Recommend that Rev. Barbara Aspinall and Rev. Ed Halldorson be elected to another term for Personnel Committee (see Nominating Committee report).

MOTION APPROVED

NJ Missional Transitional Working Group Update

The Synod working group presented us with a video featuring the co-moderators of the team; Elise Bates Russell and Larrissa Kwong Abazia. The video informed us of the direction the team was taking to reimagine geographic bodies of the missional community in light of the ongoing pandemic.

Presbytery of Newton Re-Entry Team

The reentry team presented a video that highlighted all the questions that churches have about reentry into in-person worship after the pandemic.

Presbytery Leader

Rev. Radak produced a moving video that highlighted all the changes that the Presbytery and its member churches have successfully navigated in this time of change.

Worship

Worship led by Ruling Elder Ken Nickel.

Installation of 2020-2021 Moderator Rev. David Young

Installation of 2020-2021 Vice-Moderator Rev. Robin Miller-Curras

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn with benediction.

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Attested: _____
Jeremy Campbell, Stated Clerk

Reports:
Committee on Ministry
Presbytery Coordinating Team

Report of the Committee on Ministry
May 12, 2020

Items to Report:

From the April 1, 2020 COM Meeting:

The April meeting was by ZOOM Video Conferencing Platform.

COM-1

Continued the training module on *How to Lead When you Don't Know Where You are Going: Leading in a Liminal Season* by Susan Beaumont.

COM-2

Reported that the Clergy Care Fund is \$2500. The lowest it has been in a long time.

COM-3

Approved the Terms of Call for the following:

- Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church and Rev. Dan Schroeder
- First Presbyterian Church of Whippany and Rev. Sarah Cairatti
- United Presbyterian Church in Belvidere and Rev. Dr. Pamela Szurek
- Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains and Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet
- Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church and Rev. Anita Hendrix
- Pilgrim Presbyterian Church and Rev. Rich Gelson
- Panther Valley Ecumenical Church and Rev. Ninabeth Metcalf (UMC mininums)

COM-4

Approved the Ministry Information Forms (MIF) of the Presbyterian Church in Chatham Township and Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

COM-5

Concurred with the Dissolution Agreement between Rev. Scott Foster and the Presbyterian Church of Madison.

COM-6

Because of the Pandemic approved the changes to the start date of Rev. Donald Brown, as pastor of Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains, from mid May to June 1. Concurred with Newark Presbytery that Rev. Brown be allowed to return to previous church when allowed to gather for the dissolution vote and farewell party.

From the May 5, 2020 COM Meeting:

The May meeting was by ZOOM and the COM teams met in "virutal breakrooms".

COM-7

Rev. Barbara Aspinall was appointed Moderator for the Presbyterian Church of Madison.

COM-8

Rev. Carrie Mitchell, BOP Consultant for the Synod of the Northeast, presented the upcoming 2021 change to the Board of Pension plans.

COM-9

Approved the Terms of Call for the following:

- First Presbyterian Church of New Vernon and Rev. William Stone
- Fairmount Presbyterian Church and Rev. Katy Shevel

COM-10

Acknowledged the retirement of Rev. Heup Young Kim, and approved the status of Honorably Retired.

COM-11

Approved the position description and possible TOC for Covenant Supply Pastor for the Presbyterian Church in Madison.

COM-12

Conducted exit interview with the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Stanhope.

Report of the Presbytery Coordinating Team

May 12, 2020

Items for Report:

PCT-4

The PCT has agreed to meet monthly throughout the Pandemic.

PCT-5

At the April 7 and April 28 meetings reviewed and discussed the book *How to Lead When You Don't Know Where You are Going*.

April 7, 2020

PCT-6

Approved the May Presbytery Meeting by Zoom for May 12 starting at 6:30pm.

PCT-7

Empowered the Executive Team to work out the details and process of the virtual Presbytery meeting.

PCT-8

Approved pausing several ongoing payments until the Finance Team can review more data about next financial steps.

PCT-9

Approved applying for the CARES Act Small Business Association, Payroll Protection Program (PPP).

PCT-10

Agreed to communicate to all teams and committees to cease spending from their budgets until a review from the Finance Team.

PCT-11

Agreed to communicate with Churches the importance of paying their Per Capita.

PCT-12

Approved a request from the Finance Team to approve the use of Congregational Development Fund by COM to assist congregations who may have difficulty paying their pastors.

PCT-13

Approved the recommendation from the Finance Team to begin planning for life on the other side of the Pandemic by forming a Re-entry Team.

April 28, 2020

PCT-14

Reviewed details for the May Presbytery Meeting

- Zoom Video Conferencing Platform
- Will be an abbreviated meeting
- Moderators will develop agenda
- Worship will be 15 minutes followed by Installation service
- Participants will practice ahead of time

PCT-15

Received Financial Reports from Finance Team and approved recommendations for finances moving forward.

- Quarterly/YTD statements will be sent to all churches whether received remittances from them or not.
- Recommend to Presbytery a revised working budget for 2020.
- Recommend to Presbytery that Newton Presbytery will pass through all Per Capita received and will not make up the difference in unreceived GA and Synod Per Capita.
- Continue financial commitment to Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center.