

**Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Newton Presbytery**  
 Online ZOOM Meeting  
 Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
*(to be approved at the October 20<sup>th</sup>, 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 September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020 on the ZOOM platform.

The Moderator, Rev. David Young, 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**

<b><u>Congregation</u></b>	<b><u>Teaching Elder</u></b>		<b><u>Ruling Elder</u></b>	
<b>Allamuchy, Panther Valley</b>	Rev. Ninabeth Metcalf	A		A
<b>Alpha</b>	Rev. Tex Culton (HR)	E		A
<b>Andover</b>	Rev. Karen Brostrom (HR)	P		A
<b>Belvidere</b>	Rev. Dr. Pamela Szurek	A		A
<b>Blairstown</b>	Rev. David Harvey	A	Deborah Albrecht	P
<b>Boonton (2)</b>	Rev. Jennifer Van Zandt	E	John Crozier Ken Nickel	P P
<b>Branchville (2)</b>	Rev. Dr. Jefferson Hatch	P	Howard Alden Debbie Cardner	P P
<b>Califon, Fairmount</b>	Rev. Kathryn Shevel	A	Pete Peterson	P
<b>Califon, Lower Valley</b>	Rev. Chad Rodgers	A		A
<b>Cedar Knolls, Hildale Park</b>	Rev. Ross Lang	A		A
<b>Chatham Township (2)</b>	Rev. Heather Morrison-Yaden Rev. Thomas Brown	P P		A A
<b>Chatham, Ogden Memorial</b>	Rev. Kathi Heath	P		A
<b>Chester</b>	Rev. Christopher Scrivens	A	Jeanne Perry	P
<b>Delaware</b>	Rev. Amy Sandlin	P		A
<b>Denville, Union Hill</b>	Rev. Tim Clarkson	P		A
<b>Dover, First Memorial (2)</b>	Rev. Alan Schaefer (HR)	E	Ed Dorsey	P A
<b>East Hanover</b>	Rev. Joanne Miller	P		A

<b>East Hanover, Kitchell</b>	Rev. Dan Schroeder	P	Carol Williams	P
<b>Flanders</b>	Rev. Richard Oppelt	P	Lois Steward	P
<b>Florham Park, Calvary</b>	Rev. Ronald de Groot	A	Nancy Lack	P
<b>Franklin</b>	Rev. Julie Raffety	P	Ann Ross	P
<b>Gillette, Meyersville</b>	Rev. Barbara Aspinall	P		A
<b>Hackettstown (2)</b>	Rev. Brian Merritt	A		A A
<b>Hampton, Musconetcong Valley</b>	Stephanie Farley, CRE	A		A
<b>Hazen, Oxford 1<sup>st</sup></b>	Rev. Amy Sandlin	P		A
<b>Long Valley (2)</b>	Rev. Robin Curras	P	Elise Bates-Russell	P A
<b>Long Valley, Highlands</b>	Rev. Claire Pula	P	Ruth Babula	P
<b>Madison (2)</b>	Rev. Jacquelyn VanVliet	P	Becky Moody	P A
<b>Mendham (2)</b>	Vacant Rev. Alison Paden	V P		A A
<b>Mine Hill</b>	Rev. Charles Thompson	E	Jane Smith	P
<b>Morris Plains (2)</b>	Rev. Donald Brown	P	Alec Jain Susan Vigilante	P P
<b>Morristown (3)</b>	Rev. Dr. Ed Halldorson Rev. Sarah Green	E P	Betty Darcy Dianne Grenz Wayne Rush	P P P
<b>New Vernon (2)</b>	Rev. William Stone	E		A A
<b>Newton (2)</b>	Rev. David Young	P	Colleen Duffy Scott Hoffman	P P
<b>Newton, Yellow Frame</b>	Rev. Michael Nelms	P		A
<b>Oak Ridge</b>	Rev. Christopher Doyle	P	Dave McDonald	P
<b>Ogdensburg</b>	Rev. Alden Johnson	A		A
<b>Oxford 2<sup>nd</sup></b>	Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards	A		A
<b>Parsippany</b>	Rev. Donald Bragg	A		A
<b>Phillipsburg, Harmony</b>	Rev. Scott Bohr	P		A
<b>Phillipsburg, Pilgrim</b>	Rev. Richard Gelson	P	Doris Haring	A
<b>Phillipsburg, Westminster</b>	Scott DeCaro	P		A
<b>Port Murray, Rockport</b>	Tyler Callum, Student Pastor			A
<b>Rockaway (2)</b>	Rev. Dr. Nancy Young	A	Joe Martinoni Laurie Morse	P P
<b>Sparta (2)</b>	Rev. Dr. Patrick Sileo	A		A

<b>Stanhope (2)</b>	Vacant	V		A A
<b>Stewartsville (2)</b>	Rev. Stephen Choi	P		A
<b>Stewartsville, Old Greenwich (2)</b>	Vacant	V		A A
<b>Stirling</b>	Rev. Dr. Thomas Peters	P		A
<b>Succasunna (2)</b>	Rev. Carie Morgan	P	Dana Haughy-Dyrness	P A
<b>Sussex (2)</b>	Vacant	V		A A
<b>Wantage, Beemerville</b>	Rev. Barry Young	A		A
<b>Washington (2)</b>	Rev. James Scovell	P	Stuart Ours	P A
<b>Wharton</b>	Rev. Kathleen Stone	A	Barbara Landini	P
<b>Wharton, Berkshire Valley</b>	Rev. Christopher Doyle	P		A
<b>Wharton, Hungarian</b>	Rev. Csilla Lucskay	A		A
<b>Whippany (2)</b>	Rev. Sarah Cairatti	A		A A

**Teaching Elders Engaged in a Validated Ministry**

Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble ( <i>This Child Here Inc.</i> )	E
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> )	E
Rev. Barbara Peters ( <i>Pastor – Wilson Memorial Union Church, Watchung</i> )	A
Rev. Jeanne Radak ( <i>Presbytery Leader – Newton Presbytery</i> )	P
Rev. Salvatore Seirmarco ( <i>Chaplain – United Methodist Communities</i> )	A
Rev. Angella Son ( <i>Professor – Drew University</i> )	A

**Members at Large**

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	P
Rev. Clifford Bergdahl	E
Rev. George Blank	E
Rev. Karen Brostrom ( <i>serving Andover</i> )	P
Rev. Robert Colman	E
Rev. Cindy Crouner	E
Rev. William Culton ( <i>serving Alpha</i> )	E
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. Dr. Edward Halldorson	E
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hall	E
Rev. Anita Hendrix	E
Rev. Herbert Huffmon	E
Rev. Harold Johnson	E
Rev. Eugenia Johnston	E
Rev. Dr. David Lawrence	P
Rev. William Lehr	E
Rev. Tony MacNaughton	E
Rev. Elizabeth Morrison	E
Rev. Chet Penza	E
Rev. Donald Prytherch	E
Rev. Bronc Radak ( <i>Interim Pastor – First Presbyterian Church of Monroe, NY</i> )	E
Rev. Jack Roan	E
Rev. Stephen Ross	E
Rev. Alan Schaefer ( <i>serving Dover</i> )	E
Rev. Donald Scott	E
Rev. Lorrie Skinner	E
Rev. Sherman Skinner	E
Rev. Sara Taylor	E
Rev. Charles Thompson	E

**Ruling Elders by Virtue of Office**

Paula Benson, Co-Moderator PCT ( <i>Highlands Presbyterian Church, Long Valley</i> )	P
Donna Rahmann, Presbyterian Women ( <i>Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Califon</i> )	P
Scott Riker Member PCT ( <i>Highlands Presbyterian Church, Long Valley</i> )	P

**Others in Attendance**

Rev. Jeremy Campbell, Stated Clerk ( <i>Newton &amp; Elizabeth Presbyteries</i> )	P
Sonja Gaertner, Office Manager & Attendance Clerk ( <i>Newton Presbytery</i> )	P
Lizabeth Hutchinson, Financial Administrator ( <i>Newton Presbytery</i> )	P
Craig Barth ( <i>Presbyterian Church of Morristown</i> )	P
Lilly Kwong ( <i>Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church, East Hanover</i> )	P

**Total in Attendance – 70**

~ Sonja Gaertner, Attendance Clerk – Newton Presbytery

**Introductory Items**

Quorum was present

**ENROLLMENT OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS**

Larissa Kwong Abazia

## **INTRODUCTION OF NEW RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:**

Dana Haughey - Succasunna

## **ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET**

The Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the docket

## **REPORT ON ARRANGMENTS:**

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

## **STATED CLERKS REPORT:**

### **Consent Agenda**

SC-1 Approve the minutes of the Presbytery meetings held May 12, 2020 and August 8, 2020.

SC-2 Approve excuses for the Presbytery meeting of September 15, 2020.

SC-3 Receive the report of the Committee on Ministry.

SC-4 Receive the report of the Nominating Committee.

SC-5 Receive the report of the Presbytery Coordinating Team.

**TR-1 Approve a PILP loan for First Presbyterian Church of Washington of \$100,000 to fund a project that will consist of the brickwork on the front of the sanctuary building and repairing some of its stone trim.**

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – PART 1**

*Introduction of new pastors to the Presbytery*

John Crozier introduced three new members of Newton Presbytery.

Rev Donald Brown,  
Rev Scott DeCaro,  
Rev Jacquelyn Van Vliet

## **WORSHIP**

*224<sup>th</sup> General Assembly Commissioners*

## **MATTHEW 25**

*Dismantling Structural Racism – Report of the 224th Presbytery of Newton GA Commissioners*

## **COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – PART 2**

*Celebration of Retirement – Rev. Rick Oppelt*

*Tim Clarkson moderated the Retirement Liturgy.*

*Lois Steward shared some thought and memories of Rick's tenure.*

### **Vice Moderator Rev. Robin Curras Moderated**

#### **TRUSTEES**

*Fossil Fuel Free Investments Presentation*

#### **MOTION:**

That Newton Presbytery move its investments to fossil free vehicles. Rationale is included and was received for First Reading at the March 2020 Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

MOTION APPROVED

#### **NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

**The Nominating Committee nominates the following for your election to serve:**

#### **Trustees**

Class of 2023

Ruling Elder Doug Smith,  
Meyersville Presbyterian/Gillette

#### **Committee on Ministry**

Class of 2023

Rev. Jacquelyn Van Vliet, Madison  
Presbyterian

#### **Missional Ministry Team**

Class of 2022

Ruling Elder Karen Graf, Washington/First

SLATE APPROVED

#### **PRESBYTERY COORDINATING TEAM**

*NJ Transition Report*

NJ Communities Transitions working Group Presentation

We reviewed the transition progress and what our next steps will be.

Goal: Operate as new Presbytery on March 1, 2021

Recommendations for the Missional Transition will voted on at the October 20, 2020 Presbytery meeting.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion: To adjourn with benediction.

**MOTION APPROVED**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Attested: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jeremy Campbell, Stated Clerk

Reports: