

The 2nd Stated Meeting of The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ

Online ZOOM Meeting
Tuesday, May 11th, 2021
*(to be approved at the 3rd Stated Meeting of
The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ)*

Intro to Zoom Voting – *Rev. David Young, Moderator*

Opening Prayer

Call to Order and Opening Prayer

Appointment of Stated Clerk Pro Temp – **Rev. Jeremy Campbell**

Quorum

<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	Vacant	V	Sandra Wozniak	P
Basking Ridge (3)	Rev. Dennis Jones	P	Tina Bramel	P
	Rev. Maureen Paterson	P	Marilou Howe	P
			Debbie Schaub	P
Belvidere	Rev. Dr. Pamela Szurek	A		A
Blairstown	Rev. David Harvey	A	Deb Albrecht	P
Boonton	Rev. Jennifer Van Zandt	P	Tim Slaman	P
Bound Brook (3)	Rev. Linda Owens	P	Kathy Hobbs	P
			Marion Oliver	P
				A
Branchville	Rev. Dr. Jefferson Hatch	E		A
Califon, Fairmount	Rev. Scott Foster	P	Pete Peterson	P
Califon, Lower Valley	Rev. Chad Rodgers	P		A
Cedar Knolls, Hildale Park	Rev. Ross Lang	A		A
Chatham Township (3)	Rev. Ellen Clemot	P	Bradley Koehler	P
	Rev. Thomas Brown	P	Peter Meyers	P
			Story Savage	P
Chatham, Ogden Memorial	Rev. Kathi Heath	P	Allan Paradise	P
Chester (2)	Rev. Christopher Scrivens	A	Jeanne Perry	P
Clinton (2)	Rev. Tracey Henry	P	Michael Penyak	P
				A

Delaware	Vacant	V		A
Denville, Union Hill	Rev. Tim Clarkson	P		A
Dover, First Memorial	Rev. Alan Schaefer (HR)	E		A
East Hanover	Vacant	V		A
East Hanover, Kitchell	Rev. Dan Schroeder	A	Carol Williams	P
Flanders	Rev. Heather Morrison-Yaden	A	Suzan Preston	P
Flemington (3)	Rev. Amy Lincoln	P	Jamie Evans Susan Miller	P P A
Florham Park, Calvary	Rev. Ronald de Groot	P		A
Franklin	Rev. Julie Raffety	P		A
Frenchtown (2)	Rev. Will Myers	P		A A
Gillette, Meyersville	Rev. Barbara Aspinall	P	Doug Smith	P
Hackettstown	Rev. Brian Merritt	A	Carl Erickson	P
Hampton, Musconetcong Valley	Stephanie Farley, CRE	A		A
Hazen, Oxford 1st	Vacant	V		A
Hillsborough	Vacant	V	Vicki Elkins	P
Lambertville	Rev. Dan Dorrow	P		A
Lambertville, 2nd English	Rev. Brad Morgan	P		A
Lamington (2)	Rev. Caroline Jinkins	E		A A
Long Valley (2)	Rev. Ryan Irmer	P	Sally Strusz Gary Woodring	P P
Long Valley, Highlands	Rev. Claire Pula	P		A
Madison	Rev. Jacquelyn Van Vliet	P	Becky Moody	P
Martinsville	Vacant	V		A
Mendham (2)	Vacant Rev. Alison Paden	V P	Cliff Lee	P A
Milford	Rev. Linda Erkert-Bullock	A		A
Milford, Alexandria (2)	Rev. Nicholas Hatch	P		A A
Milford, Holland Bible	Rev. Geoff Stanley	A		A
Mine Hill	Vacant	V	Debbie Hooper	P
Morris Plains (2)	Rev. Donald Brown	P	Hildy Benjamin	P A
Morristown (3)	Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp Rev. Sarah Green	P P	Craig Barth Karen Griffith	P P A
New Vernon (2)	Rev. William Stone	P		A

				A
Newton	Rev. David Young	P	Cindy Fogg	P
Newton, Yellow Frame	Rev. Michael Nelms	P		A
Oak Ridge	Rev. Christopher Doyle	P		A
Ogdensburg	Rev. Alden Johnson	A		A
Oxford 2nd	Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards	A		A
Parsippany	Rev. Donald Bragg	P		A
Phillipsburg, Harmony	Rev. Scott Bohr	P		A
Phillipsburg, Pilgrim	Rev. Richard Gelson	P	Doris Haring	P
Phillipsburg, Westminster	Rev. Scott DeCaro	P		A
Pittstown, Bethlehem	Rev. Linda Gaden	P		A
Pluckemin (2)	Rev. Ian Rankine	A	Sue Quimby	P A
Pompton Valley	Vacant	V	Margaret Meyer	P
Port Murray, Rockport	Rev. Bronc Radak	P		A
Ringoes, 1st Amwell	Rev. Courtney Cromie	A		A
Ringoes, Kirkpatrick	Rev. Michael Atzert	P		A
Ringwood (2)	Rev. Benhardt Fraumann	A	Sue Cail Heather Nemeth	P P
Rockaway	Rev. Dr. Nancy Young	P	Richard Basile	P
Somerset	Rev. Nancy Nalepa-Skibo	A	Terry Hargadon	P
Sparta (2)	Rev. Dr. Patrick Sileo	P		A A
Stanhope	Rev. Peter Magnan	P		A
Stewartsville (2)	Rev. Stephen Choi	P		A A
Stewartsville, Old Greenwich	Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-Lecroy	A		A
Stirling	Rev. Barbara Aspinall	P	Lynn Blakeslee	P
Stockton	Rev. Jin Hee Han	P		A
Succasunna	Rev. Carie Morgan	P	Dalyce Boyer	P
Sussex	Rev. Katherine Scott-Kirschner	P	Penny Bates	P
Taiwanese/American	Rev. D. Paul LaMontagne/Annie Tsai	A	Christine Sub	P
Wantage, Beemerville	Rev. Barry Young	P		A
Warren, Trinity United	Rev. Roberto Fois (RCA)	P	Kay Hurd	P
Washington	Rev. James Scovell	A		A
West Milford	Rev. Justin Choi	P		A
Wharton	Vacant	V		A

Wharton, Berkshire Valley	Rev. Christopher Doyle	P	Frederick Wawra	P
Wharton, Hungarian	Rev. Csilla Lucskay	A		A
Whippany (2)	Rev. Sarah Cairatti	A		A A

Teaching Elders Engaged in a Validated Ministry

Rev. Christine Davies		P
Rev. Barbara Ewton		A
Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble (<i>This Child Here Inc.</i>)		E
Rev. Deirdre Greenwood White		E
Rev. Kathryn Henry		A
Rev. Jennifer Hrynyk		P
Rev. John C. Kile		A
Rev. Joanne Miller		E
Rev. Merideth Mueller		P
Rev. Jeanne Radak (<i>Presbytery Leader – Newton Presbytery</i>)		P
Rev. Amy Sandlin (<i>Chaplain</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. Liz Blythe		E
Rev. Robin Curras		P
Rev. Jim Huang		E
Rev. Donna McDaid		P
Rev. Elizabeth Morrison		P
Rev. Hayley O'Connor		A
Rev. Gail Pendleton		P
Rev. Diane Ruffle		A

Honorably Retired

Rev. Peter Amerman		E
Rev. Jeff Archer		E
Rev. Nancy Asbury		E
Rev. Charles Baier		E
Rev. Arthur Benjamin		P
Rev. Clifford Bergdahl		E
Rev. Robert Beringer		E
Rev. Frederick Black		E
Rev. George Blank		E
Rev. Sally Campbell		E
Rev. Robert Colman		E

Rev. Cindy Crowner	E
Rev. William Culton (<i>serving Alpha</i>)	P
Rev. James D'Angelo	E
Rev. William Davis	E
Rev. Judith Dean	E
Rev. Richard Dole	E
Rev. Birda Ferguson	E
Rev. Guy Ferguson	E
Rev. Janet Fishburn	E
Rev. Mervin Fry	E
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hall	E
Rev. Dr. Edward Halldorson	E
Rev. David Hengerer	E
Rev. Jean Holmes	E
Rev. Herbert Huffmon	E
Rev. Harold Johnson	E
Rev. Eugenia Johnston	E
Rev. Philip Jones	E
Rev. Steven Kengeter	E
Rev. Heup Young Kim	E
Rev. Dr. David Lawrence	E
Rev. Winter Lantz	E
Rev. Unzu Lee	E
Rev. William Lehr	E
Rev. Tony MacNaughton	P
Rev. James Morris	E
Rev. Szabolcs Nagy	E
Rev. Chet Penza	E
Rev. Barbara Peters	E
Rev. Dr. Thomas Peters	E
Rev. John Potter	P
Rev. Donald Prytherch	E
Rev. Bronc Radak (<i>serving Rockport</i>)	P
Rev. Jack Roan	E
Rev. Stephen Ross	E
Rev. Alan Schaefer (<i>serving Dover</i>)	E
Rev. Bruce Schundler	E
Rev. Donald Scott	E
Rev. Lorrie Skinner	E
Rev. Sherman Skinner	E
Rev. Sarah Taylor	E
Rev. Charles Thompson	E

Rev. Alfred Tisdale	E
Rev. John Verser	E

Ruling Elders by Virtue of Office

Elder Paula Benson, Voting Member/PCT (Highlands Presbyterian Church, Long Valley)	P
Elder John Crozier, Voting Member/COM (First Presbyterian Church of Boonton)	P
Elder Wendy Doidge, Voting Member/Past Moderator (Presbyterian Church in Morristown)	P
Elder Alan Ford, Voting Member/Past Moderator (Bethlehem Presbyterian Church, Pittstown)	P
Elder Lisa Fraebel, Voting Member/PCT (Presbyterian Church in Morristown)	P
Elder Lisa Gray, Voting Member/Past Moderator (Old Greenwich Presbyterian Church, Stewartsville)	P
Elder Joe Martinoni, Voting Member/Past Moderator (First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway)	P
Elder Kenneth Nickel, Voting Member/Past Moderator (First Presbyterian Church of Boonton)	P
Elder Mel Prestamo, Voting Member/Past Moderator (Long Valley Presbyterian Church)	P
Elder Donna Rahmann, Voting Member/Presbyterian Women (Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Califon)	P

Others in Attendance

Sonja Gaertner, Office Manager & Attendance Clerk (Highlands Presbytery)	P
Rev. Stephen Huston, Transitional Support & Resourcing Coordinator (Highlands Presbytery)	P
Lizabeth Hutchinson, Financial Administrator (Highlands Presbytery)	P
Rev. Dr. Carl Wilton, Acting Stated Clerk (Highlands Presbytery)	P
Matt Allen, Visitor (Calvary Presbyterian Church, Florham Park)	P
Hannah Allred, Candidate (Presbyterian Church in Morristown)	P
Ericka Berg, Visitor (Wharton United Community Church)	P
Rev. Jeremy Campbell, Northeast Presbytery	P
Laura Flessner	P
Barbara Jones, Visitor (Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, Phillipsburg)	P
Michael Kosco, Visitor (First Presbyterian Church of Sussex)	P
Lilly Kwong, Visitor (Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church, East Hanover)	P
Betty Shuman, Visitor (First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway)	P
Lois Steward, Visiotr (United Presbyterian Church, Flanders)	P
Ron Stickney, Visitor (First Presbyterian Church of Newton)	P
Elaine Tetreault, Visitor (Basking Ridge Presbyterian Church)	P
Terri Youn, Bedford Park Presbyterian Church	P

Total in Attendance – 129

~ Sonja Gaertner, Attendance Clerk – The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ

Enrollment of Corresponding Members

Introduction of New Ruling Elder Commissioners

Adoption of the Agenda

Consent Agenda

ACT-1

The Administration and Coordinating Team recommends:

- **The Revised Presbytery Meeting Parity Plan to include voice and vote to past ruling elder moderators of the former presbyteries (Revised Parity Plan attached).**

BLOOMSBURY AC-1

The Bloomsbury Commission recommends the following:

- **That all net proceeds from the sale of the church and manse and the remainder of the Bloomsbury Cemetery Fund become the Presbytery of the Highlands Cemetery Fund. The Cemetery Fund will be used for the care and upkeep of the Bloomsbury Cemetery and other cemeteries that may come under the care of the Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ. The Property and Insurance Team will provide oversight of the use of the fund.**
- **The Bloomsbury Administrative Commission be dissolved as of May 11, 2021.**

P&I-1

The Property and Insurance Team recommends:

- **Approve the request of the Clinton Presbyterian Church for a loan from the Presbyterian Investment & Loan Program in the amount of \$400,000, to repair the plaster ceiling in the Sanctuary and to do other necessary repairs to the church buildings.**

SC-1

Approve the minutes of the Presbytery meeting held March 16, 2021.

SC-2

Approve excuses for the Presbytery meeting of May 11, 2021.

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.

SC-6

Receive the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

SC-7

Receive the report of the First Presbyterian Church, Bloomsbury
Administrative Commission

SC-8

Receive the report of the Stillwater Presbyterian Church Administrative
Commission.

SC-9

Receive the report of the Christ Presbyterian Church, Martinsville
Administrative Commission.

Stated Clerk Report

Received letter of congratulations from Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, III,
Stated Clerk of the General Assembly, PCUSA (attached).

Committee on Ministry Part 1

Introduction of New Pastors

The Rev. Ryan Irmer, Pastor, Long Valley Presbyterian Church
Rev. Merideth Mueller, Minister Member At-Large

Nominating Committee

**The Nominating Committee recommends the following
nominations:**

Administration and Coordinating Team

Class of 2021

- Rev. Roberto Fois (Warren/Trinity United)

Class of 2023

- Rev. H. Bradford Morgan (Lambertville/Second English
Presbyterian)

Property and Insurance Team

Class of 2023

- Elder Alan Ford (Pittstown/Bethlehem Presbyterian)

Church Development Team

Class of 2022

- Rev. Nick Hatch (Milford/Alexandria First Presbyterian)

Class of 2023

- Rev. Tracey Henry (Clinton/Presbyterian)

Class of 2024

- Rev. Merideth Mueller (Member at large)

MOTION APPROVED

Committee on Ministry Part 2

Recommendations

The COM recommends the following:

COM-1

Approval of the Family Leave Policy

COM-2

Approval of Pastoral Relationships Policy

COM-3

Approval of the Clergy Renewal Leave Policy

COM-4

Approval of the Honorably Retired Pastor Policy

COM-5

Approval of the Separation Ethics Covenant

COM-6

Approval of the Validated Ministry Policy

MOTION APPROVED

Transition Team

Robin Miller Currás

Linda Owens

New Business

Small Group Discussion

Worship

Adjournment

Meeting closed at 9

Attested: _____
Stated Clerk

Reports:

