

**Special Meeting of
The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ**

Via ZOOM

7PM, Wednesday, January 23rd, 2022

*(to be approved at the 6th Stated Meeting of
The Presbytery of the Highlands of NJ)*

The Body of Christ, A Call to Gather

The Presbytery of Highlands of NJ of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held a Special Meeting on January 23rd, 2022, on the ZOOM platform.

Moderator, Rev. Tracey Henry, called the meeting to order at 4:05 PM who then offered the opening prayer.

FORMATION OF THE ROLL

The roll was formed as Commissioners signed the registration forms. Stated Clerk, Rev Steve Shussett, 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. William "Tex" Culton (HR)	E		A
Andover	Vacant	V		A
Basking Ridge (3)	Rev. Dennis Jones Rev. Dr. Maureen Paterson	A A		A A
Belvidere	Rev. Dr. Pamela Szurek	A		A
Blairstown	Rev. David Harvey	P		A
Boonton	Rev. Jennifer Van Zandt	A		A
Bound Brook (3)	Rev. Linda Owens	A	Douglas Boleyn Kathy Hobbs Marion Oliver	P P P
Branchville	Rev. Dr. Jefferson Hatch	A		A
Califon, Fairmount	Rev. Scott Foster	A	David Peterson	P
Califon, Lower Valley	Rev. Chad Rodgers	A		A

Cedar Knolls, Hildale Park	Rev. Ross Lang	A		A
Chatham Township (3)	Rev. Dr. Ellen Clemot Rev. Thomas Brown	A P		A A A
Chatham, Ogden Memorial	Rev. Kathi Heath	E		A
Chester	Rev. Christopher Scrivens	A		A
Clinton	Rev. Tracey Henry	P		A
Delaware	Vacant	V		A
Denville, Union Hill	Rev. Timothy Clarkson	A		A
Dover, First Memorial	Rev. Alan Schaefer (HR)	E		A
East Hanover	Vacant	V		A
East Hanover, Kitchell	Vacant	V		A
Flanders	Rev. Heather Morrison-Yaden	A		A
Flemington (3)	Rev. Amy Lincoln	P		A A A
Florham Park, Calvary	Rev. Ronald de Groot	A		A
Franklin	Rev. Julie Raffety	P		A
Frenchtown	Rev. William Myers	A		A
Gillette, Meyersville	Rev. Barbara Aspinall	A		A
Hackettstown	Rev. Erin Hayes-Cook	A	Carl Erickson	P
Hampton, Musconetcong Valley	Stephanie Farley, CRE	A		A
Hazen, Oxford 1st	Vacant	V		A
Lambertville	Rev. Dan Dorrow	A		A
Lambertville, 2nd English	Rev. H. Bradford Morgan	A		A
Lamington	Rev. Caroline Jinkins	A		A
Long Valley (2)	Rev. Ryan Irmer	A		A A
Long Valley, Highlands	Rev. Robin Ray	A		A

Madison	Rev. Jacquelyn Van Vliet	E		A
Mendham (2)	Rev. Merideth Mueller-Bolton	A		A
Milford	Rev. Linda Erkert-Bullock	A		A
Milford, Alexandria	Rev. Nicholas Hatch	A		A
Milford, Holland Bible	Rev. Geoff Stanley	A		A
Mine Hill	Rev. Carie Morgan	P		A
Morris Plains (2)	Rev. Donald Brown	A		A A
Morristown (3)	Rev. Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp	A	Craig Barth	P A A
New Vernon (2)	Rev. William Stone	A		A A
Newton	Rev. David Young	P	Alice Sharick	P
Newton, Yellow Frame	Rev. Michael Nelms	A		A
Oak Ridge	Rev. Christopher Doyle	A		A
Ogdensburg	Rev. Alden Johnson	A		A
Parsippany	Rev. Donald Bragg	A		A
Phillipsburg, Harmony	Rev. Scott Bohr	A		A
Phillipsburg, Pilgrim	Rev. Richard Gelson	A		A
Phillipsburg, Westminster	Rev. Scott DeCaro	A		A
Pittstown, Bethlehem	Rev. Linda Gaden	A		A
Pluckemin (2)	Rev. Ian Rankine	A		A A
Port Murray, Rockport	Rev. Robert "Bronc" Radak	E		A
Ringoes, 1st Amwell	Rev. Courtney Cromie	A		A
Ringoes, Kirkpatrick	Vacant	V		A
Ringwood (2)	Rev. Caroline Unzaga	A		A A
Rockaway	Vacant	V	Karen Basile	P

Somerset	Rev. Nancy Nalepa-Skibo	A		A
Sparta (2)	Rev. Dr. Patrick Sileo	A		A A
Stanhope	Rev. Peter Magnan	A		A
Stewartsville	Rev. Stephen Choi	E		A
Stewartsville, Old Greenwich (2)	Rev. Mary Beth Mardis-Lecroy	A		A A
Stirling	Rev. Barbara Aspinall	A		A
Stockton	Rev. Jin Hee Han	A		A
Succasunna	Rev. Carie Morgan	P		A
Sussex	Rev. Katherine Scott-Kirschner	A		A
Taiwanese/American	Rev. D. Paul LaMontagne Rev. Chia Chun (Annie Kakun Tsai)	A A		A
Titusville	Vacant	V		A
Wantage, Beemerville	Rev. Barry Young	A		A
Warren, Trinity United	Rev. Roberto Fois	P		A
Washington	Rev. James Scovell	A		A
West Milford	Rev. Justin Choi	A		A
Wharton	Vacant	V		A
Wharton, Berkshire Valley	Rev. Christopher Doyle	A		A
Wharton, Hungarian	Rev. Csilla Lucskay	A		A
Whippany	Rev. Sarah Cairatti	A		A

Teaching Elders Engaged in a Validated Ministry

Rev. Mike Atzert (<i>Chaplain</i>)	A
Rev. Joanne Miller	A
Rev. Robin Miller Curras (<i>serving church out of bounds</i>)	E
Rev. Christine Davies	P
Rev. Barbara Ewton	A
Rev. Sarah Green	P
Rev. Jennifer Hrynyk	A
Rev. John C. Kile	A
Rev. Jeanne Radak (<i>Presbytery Leader – Newton Presbytery</i>)	P
Rev. Amy Sandlin (<i>Chaplain</i>)	A

Rev. Beth Scibienski (<i>Serving RCA church</i>)	A
Rev. Salvatore Seirmarco (<i>Chaplain – United Methodist Communities</i>)	A
Rev. Christopher Small (<i>Chaplain – Hunterdon Healthcare Systems</i>)	A
Rev. Angella Son (<i>Professor – Drew University</i>)	A

Members at Large

Rev. M. Elizabeth Blythe	E
Rev. Donna McDaid	A
Rev. Hayley O'Connor	A
Rev. Gail Pendleton	A

Honorably Retired

Rev. Peter Amerman	E
Rev. Jeff Archer	E
Rev. Nancy Asbury	E
Rev. Charles Baier	E
Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards	E
Rev. Robert Beringer	E
Rev. Frederick Black	E
Rev. George Blank	E
Rev. Sally Campbell	E
Rev. Robert Colman	E
Rev. Cynthia Crowner	E
Rev. William "Tex" Culton (<i>-serving Alpha</i>)	E
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. Benhardt Fraumann	E
Rev. Mervin Fry	E
Rev. Deirdre Greenwood White	E
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hall	E
Rev. Dr. Edward Halldorson	E
Rev. David Hengerer	E
Rev. Kathryn Henry	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	E
Rev. James Morris	E
Rev. Elizabeth Morrison	E
Rev. Szabolcs Nagy	E
Rev. Chet Penza	E
Rev. Barbara Peters	E
Rev. John Potter	E
Rev. Donald Prytherch	E
Rev. Claire Pula	E
Rev. Bronc Radak (<i>serving Rockport</i>)	E
Rev. Jack Roan	E
Rev. Stephen Ross	E
Rev. Lorrie Rowland-Skinner	E
Rev. Diane Ruffle	E
Rev. Alan Schaefer (<i>serving Dover</i>)	E
Rev. Bruce Schundler	E
Rev. Donald Scott	E
Rev. Sherman Skinner	E
Rev. Sarah Taylor	E
Rev. Charles Thompson	E
Rev. Alfred Tisdale	E
Rev. John Verser	E
Rev. Dr. Nancy Young	E

Ruling Elders by Virtue of Office

Elder John Crozier, COM Co-Moderator - First Presbyterian Church, Boonton	P
Elder Donna Rahmann, Presbyterian Women – Fairmount Presbyterian Church	P
Elder Joe Martinoni, Past Moderator – First Presbyterian Church, Rockaway	P
Elder Ken Nickel, Past Moderator – First Presbyterian Church, Boonton	P

Others in Attendance

Sonja Gaertner, Office Manager & Attendance Clerk (<i>Highlands Presbytery</i>)	P
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Rev. Dr. Steven Shussett, Stated Clerk (<i>Highlands Presbytery</i>)	P
Hildy Benjamin, Visitor, Presbyterian Church of Morris Plains	P
Ryon Herin, Candidate, First Presbyterian Church, Rockaway	P
Betty Shuman, Visitor, First Presbyterian Church, Rockaway	P

Total in Attendance – 28

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

MOTION: The Committee on Ministry has requested this Called Meeting of the Presbytery of The Highlands of New Jersey for the purpose of examining Ryon Herin, for ordination and installation. Ryon has been called to ministry as the pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Rockaway.

COM Co-Moderator John Crozier introduced Ryon to the Presbytery, and after re-stating the motion, invited Ryon to share his biography. The floor was then opened for questions to the candidate.

Following a series of questions from the assembled, it was MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED to suspend the examination. Ryon was dismissed to a waiting room as discussion was invited.

Representatives from the Rockaway congregation were invited to speak on behalf of the calling congregation, and they expressed support for Ryon and commendation of his gifts.

Returning to the motion, it was CARRIED to approve the ordination of Candidate Ryon Herin, and to place him on the rolls of the Presbytery.

Prayers for Ryon and the congregation were offered.

There being no other business, it was MOVED, SECONDED, AND CARRIED to adjourn.

The Moderator offered a benediction

The meeting adjourned at 4:37pm.

Attested: _____
Steven H. Shussett, Stated Clerk

Attachments:

Biography – Ryon Herin

Statement of Faith – Ryon Herin