

Presbytery of the Highlands  
Stated Meeting  
Administration and Coordinating Team Report  
May 10, 2022

**Items for Consent Agenda:**

**ACT-1**

The ACT recommends the following:

That Presbytery approve the final report of the Christ Presbyterian Church, Martinsville Administrative Commission and Administration and Coordinating Team report. (See attached.)

- Rationale: Because of the Presbytery transition and some confusion about which corporation had authority to authorize transfer of property and assets the ACT is recommending that the Presbytery confirm the work of the Martinsville Administrative Commission so that there are no issues about property deeds in the future.

**Items for Action:**

None.

**Items to Report:**

*From the April 26, 2021 meeting:*

**ACT-2**

The NJ Presbytery Transition is almost officially completed. The final step for Highlands Presbytery was the reading of the Presbytery of Newton minutes. That has been completed and the minutes will be sent to the Presbyterian Historical Society.

**ACT-3**

The ACT concurred with the recommendation to the Presbytery by the Pompton Valley Presbyterian Church Administrative Commission on the distribution of assets of the sale of Pompton Valley Presbyterian Church property.

#### **ACT-4**

The ACT received the report of the Presbytery of the Highlands 2020/2021 Financial Review.

#### **ACT-5**

Discussed the request from Pluckemin Church for review and approval of a long term lease of their property. The ACT concurred with the Property and Insurance Team to work together on the review and possible approval of the lease agreement.

- Rationale: The lease is complicated and is time sensitive. A recommendation could be made in a timely fashion to the May Presbytery meeting. The Property and Insurance Team has been commissioned to approve leases on behalf of the Presbytery but believes this is a request that needs more than their input. The ACT and the P & I will work together on the review and possible approval. The ACT has been commissioned by the Presbytery to act on matters that are time sensitive.

#### **ACT-6**

Given the complications posed by the rise in the COVID infections in our region, the ACT, after extensive discussion, determined and agreed that the May Presbytery meeting would be on Zoom only.

#### **ACT-7**

Moderator Rev. Tracey Henry reported that in-person installations and ordinations are being scheduled.

#### **ACT-8**

The Stated Clerk reported receipt of a subpoena for files related to a 2009 sexual misconduct inquiry by a Newton Presbytery Investigating Committee. Presbytery Counsel reviewed the documents requested in the subpoena and negotiated with the other attorney what could or could not be shared in light of both the Presbyterian Church (USA) and United States' Constitutions.

#### **ACT-9**

The Presbytery Leader spoke of the progress that the Special Committee of the General Assembly for Per Capita and Financial Sustainability Review has made in relationship to an overture from Newton Presbytery in 2018.