

Presbytery of the Highlands
Stated Meeting
Synod of the Northeast Mission
and Ministries Commission Report
May 10, 2022

From the April 28-30, 2022 Meeting:

Opening:

- Recognition of passing of Rev Harold Delhagen former Synod Leader.
- Presentation from Presbyterian Historical Society: encouraging sending documents especially during change times, deposits of original records free, digitalization of records a fee, contact David Staniunas at Dstaniunas@history.pcusa.org to be invited to remote meetings.
- Honoring retirement of Synod treasurer Alan Ford (from Highlands Presbytery NJ Bethlehem Church) and a job description of the position for new applicants which suggestions for new treasurer were asked for.
- Introduction of Mark Bennett new staff communications specialist (4/22), his first project is the 2021 Synod Annual Report which will be sent separately.
- Transitional Leader SanDawna Ashelys' Report: proceeding with the New Way Forward 2.0 with the question for all: "*What is your highest dream for what the relationship between Synod and Presbyteries can be?*"
- Stated Clerk Nancy Talbots' Report:
 1. New Jersey Mission Communities Administrative Commission ended its transition year 2/22 and a meeting is planned to discuss what is going on in the new Presbyteries, lessons learned, and future plans. It is felt this is helpful to attendees and those neighbors who might choose to reorganize.
 2. Susquehanna Valley Administrative Commission, three members are needed.
 3. Triennium Funds (see committee report about monies available) from cancelled youth Triennial National event. Note \$100 available per participants for alternative events.
 4. Synod Overtures to 225 General Assembly (see committee report) POL-08 & TWE-13