

Minutes of the Stated Meeting of Newton Presbytery
 First Presbyterian Church of Sparta
 Saturday, January 11, 2020
(to be approved at the March 10, 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 January 11th, 2020 at the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta.

The Moderator, Ruling Elder Ken Nickel, called the meeting to order at 10 am 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

<u>Congregation</u>	<u>Teaching Elder</u>		<u>Ruling Elder</u>	
Allamuchy, Panther Valley	Rev. Ninabeth Metcalf	A		A
Alpha	Rev. Tex Culton (HR)	E		A
Andover	Rev. Karen Brostrom (HR)	P	Cley Tewksbury	P
Belvidere	Rev. Dr. Pamela Szurek	E		A
Blairstown	Rev. David Harvey	P	Zach Burke	P
Boonton (2)	Rev. Jennifer Van Zandt	A		A A
Branchville (2)	Rev. Dr. Jefferson Hatch	P	Kathleen Katzenstein	P A
Califon, Fairmount	Rev. Kathryn Shevel	A		A
Califon, Lower Valley	Rev. Chad Rodgers	A		A
Cedar Knolls, Hildale Park	Rev. Ross Lang	A		A
Chatham Township (2)	Rev. Heather Morrison-Yaden Rev. Thomas Brown	E P		A A
Chatham, Ogden Memorial	Rev. Kathi Heath	E		A
Chester	Rev. Christopher Scrivens	P	Jeanne Perry	P
Delaware	Rev. Amy Sandlin	E		A
Denville, Union Hill	Rev. Tim Clarkson	P		A

Dover, First Memorial (2)	Rev. Alan Schaefer (HR)	A		A A
East Hanover	Vacant	V		A
East Hanover, Kitchell	Rev. Dan Schroeder	P	Carol Williams	P
Flanders	Rev. Richard Oppelt	A		A
Florham Park, Calvary	Rev. Ronald de Groot	P		A
Franklin	Rev. Julie Raffety	P	Rich Simmons	P
Gillette, Meyersville	Rev. Barbara Aspinall	E		
Hackettstown (2)	Rev. Brian Merritt	E	Jami Lynn Arcilla Sandy Archer	P P
Hampton, Musconetcong Valley	Stephanie Farley, CRE	A		A
Hazen, Oxford 1st	Rev. Amy Sandlin	E		A
Long Valley (2)	Rev. Robin Curras	P	Sally Strusz Chris Goodyear	P P
Long Valley, Highlands	Rev. Claire Pula	A	Ellen Edwards	P
Madison (2)	Rev. Scott Foster	A	Becky Moody	P A
Mendham (2)	Vacant Rev. Alison Paden	V E	Jeffrey Betz	P A
Mine Hill	Rev. Charles Thompson	A	Jane Smith	P
Morris Plains (2)	Rev. Jacqui Van Vliet	P	Hildy Benjamin Alec Jain	P P
Morristown (3)	Rev. Dr. David Smazik Rev. Sarah Green	E P	Wendy Doidge Linda Gaden Frank Gaden	P P P
New Vernon (2)	Rev. William Stone	P		A A
Newton (2)	Rev. David Young	P	Susan Shake Alice Sharick	P P
Newton, Yellow Frame	Rev. Michael Nelms	A		A
Oak Ridge	Rev. Christopher Doyle	P	Dave McDonald	
Ogdensburg	Rev. Alden Johnson	A		A
Oxford 2nd	Rev. Joicy Becker-Richards	A		A
Parsippany	Rev. Donald Bragg	A		A
Phillipsburg, Harmony	Rev. Scott Bohr	E		A
Phillipsburg, Pilgrim	Rev. Richard Gelson	E		A
Phillipsburg, Westminster	Vacant	V		A
Port Murray, Rockport	Tyler Callum, Student Pastor	A		A
Rockaway (2)	Rev. Dr. Nancy Young	A	Joe Martinoni	P

			Richard Basile	P
Sparta (2)	Rev. Dr. Patrick Sileo	P		A A
Stanhope (2)	Rev. Hugh Matlack	P		A A
Stewartsville (2)	Rev. Stephen Choi	P		A A
Stewartsville, Old Greenwich (2)	Rev. Anita Hendrix	P	Lisa Gray	P A
Stirling	Rev. Dr. Thomas Peters	E		A
Succasunna (2)	Rev. Carie Morgan	P		A A
Sussex (2)	Rev. Amy Lawrence	P	Sharon Alheidt	P
Wantage, Beemerville	Rev. Barry Young	A		A
Washington (2)	Rev. James Scovell	A	Stuart Ours	P A
Wharton	Rev. Kathleen Stone	A		A
Wharton, Berkshire Valley	Rev. Christopher Doyle	P	Beth Blanchard	P
Wharton, Hungarian	Rev. Csilla Lucskay	A		A
Whippany (2)	Rev. Sarah Cairatti	A		A A

Teaching Elders Engaged in a Validated Ministry

Rev. Dr. Robert Gamble (<i>This Child Here Inc.</i>)	A
Rev. Heup Young Kim (<i>Professor – Kangnam University, South Korea</i>)	A
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. Joanne Miller (<i>Pastoral Counseling – Grace Counseling Center</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. Elizabeth Morrison	E
Rev. Hayley O'Connor	A
Rev. Gail Pendleton	P

Honorably Retired

Rev. Peter Amerman	E
Rev. Jeff Archer	P
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. James Coen	E
Rev. Robert Colman	E
Rev. Cindy Crowner	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. Richard Gibbins	E
Rev. Dr. Edward Halldorson	E
Rev. Dr. Elizabeth Hall	E
Rev. Herbert Huffmon	E
Rev. Harold Johnson	E
Rev. Eugenia Johnston	E
Rev. Dr. David Lawrence	E
Rev. William Lehr	E
Rev. Tony MacNaughton	E
Rev. Chet Penza	E
Rev. Donald Prytherch	E
Rev. Bronc Radak	P
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

Donna Rahmann, Presbyterian Women <i>(Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Califon)</i>	P
Paula Benson, Presbytery Coordinating Team <i>(Highlands Presbyterian Church, Long Valley)</i>	P
Scott Riker, Presbytery Coordinating Team <i>(Highlands Presbyterian Church, Long Valley)</i>	P
Ken Nickel, Moderator of the Presbytery <i>(First Presbyterian Church of Boonton)</i>	P
Nancy Lack, Presbyterian Women <i>(Calvary Presbyterian Church, Florham Park)</i>	P

Others in Attendance

Rev. Jeremy Campbell, Stated Clerk (<i>Newton & Elizabeth Presbyteries</i>)	P
Sonja Gaertner, Office Manager & Attendance Clerk (<i>Newton Presbytery</i>)	P
Lizabeth Hutchinson, Financial Administrator (<i>Newton Presbytery</i>)	P
Lilly Kwong (<i>Kitchell Memorial Presbyterian Church, East Hanover</i>)	P
Rev. Larissa Kwong-Abazia (<i>Hillsborough Presbyterian Church</i>)	P

Total in Attendance – 66

~ *Sonja Gaertner, Attendance Clerk – Newton Presbytery*

Introductory Items

Quorum was present

ENROLLMENT OF CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

Larissa Kwong Abazia, First Presbyterian Church of Forest Hills

INTRODUCTION OF NEW RULING ELDER COMMISSIONERS:

Presbyterian Church of Long Valley – **Chris Goodyear**

First Presbyterian Church of Hackettstown – Jami Lynn Arcilla

First Presbyterian Church Newton – Alice Sharick

Oak Ridge Presbyterian Church – Dave McDonald

First Presbyterian Church of Blairstown – Zach Burke

Presbyterian Church of Andover - Cley Tewksbury

ADOPTION OF THE DOCKET

The Presbytery **VOTED** to adopt the docket

REPORT ON ARRANGMENTS:

Rev. Pat Sileo spoke about the arrangements of the meeting. He shared about the history of the church and its building's renovations.

STATED CLERKS REPORT:

Consent Agenda

SC-1

Approve the minutes of the Presbytery meeting held November 12, 2019.

SC-2

Approve excuses for the Presbytery meeting of January 11, 2020.

SC-3

Receive the report of the Committee on Preparation for 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 Ministry.

Consent Agenda APPROVED

Presbytery Coordinating Team

What is Matthew 25: Dismantling Systemic Racism?

What is a Matthew 25 Congregation?

Paula Benson spoke about Matthew 25 Church. Matthew 25:31–46 calls all of us to actively engage in the world around us, so our faith comes alive and we wake up to new possibilities. Convicted by this passage, both the 222nd and 223rd General Assemblies (2016 and 2018) exhorted the PC(USA) to act boldly and compassionately to serve people who are hungry, oppressed, imprisoned or poor.

3 Pillars

- Building Congregational vitality
- Dismantling Structural Racism
- Eradicating Systemic Poverty

Each pillar will be introduced at an upcoming Presbytery Meeting.

Presentation

Beyond Representation: Who Comes to the Table?

Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia

Crayon activity

NJ Missional Structure Update – JBR

All presbys have voted overwhelmingly favorable to move forward
Pct will have conversations to engage in the next steps and you will be informed Keep up to date on social media!

Synod formed working group to address technical issues boundaries, financial, legal, etc.

Each Presbytery provide 2 reps. Ours are: Becky Moody and Nancy Young

Shepherd of working group, PT Synod staff person: Joe Martinoni

NP Transition team is forming.

4 people at this time, will include new members when identify

Presbytery of Northwest New Jersey

58 Newton

3 Palisades

8 Elizabeth
13 New Brunswick

Phase 1 – Building relationships

Sessions should have a special session meeting for meeting with the transition team. Meeting will be to learn!

Pastor gatherings by county will be hosted to inform members.

Overture(s) to the General Assembly Presentation

Korean Peace Treaty

Concurrent Approved

Fossil Fuel Divestment – Monmouth Presbytery

Concurrent Approved

Motion to change wording to stewardship from serve

30 Second Announcements

Presbyters shared announcements about upcoming events at their churches.

- Resourcing coordinator – Missional Practices and community events in Succasunna
- Donna PW Developing new community at 2020 retreat – spiritual practices Mar 21
- Pam Hasagawa – Adoption overture 39 years ago. 6000 adoptees have received their original birth certificates.
- Julie Raffety – free lunch at Franklin program looking for another location for one Saturday a month.
- Resourcing Coordinator – Youth gathering Sunday 3/8 1-3 at Morristown Presby Church

Johnsonburg Camp & Retreat Center

Elise Bates-Russell

New Business none

Celebration of Retirement – The rev Bronc Radak

Bronc Radak Honorably Retired

Worship led by Rev. Larissa Kwong Abazia

Youth and leaders led the presbytery in song and worship using liturgy from the triennium.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion: To adjourn with benediction.

MOTION APPROVED

The meeting was adjourned at pm.

Attested:

Jeremy Campbell, Stated Clerk