

THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND
January 28, 2012
Brentwood Presbyterian Church
Elder Ida Rosario, Moderator – Elder Shirley J. Russell, Stated Clerk

OVERVIEW OF THE MEETING*

The Presbytery of Long Island of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held a stated meeting on Saturday, January 28, 2012, at Brentwood Presbyterian Church. Commissioners entered the sanctuary to prelude music presented by Mario Fernandez, Jr., and Luz Fernandez Mueller. The meeting was convened with prayer by the Rev. John F. Underwood, immediate past moderator, at 10:03 a.m.

GREETINGS FROM THE HOST CHURCH –Elder Ida Rosario, Commissioned Lay Pastor of the Brentwood church, extended a warm welcome to members on behalf of the congregation. Pastor Ida noted that the church has a history of being a mission church. The church shares its space with Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana and the two churches hold a health fair every year for the people in the community. Arumdaun Presbyterian Church, the First Presbyterian Church in Babylon, and the First Presbyterian Church in Northport participate with the two Brentwood churches in planning and running the health fair.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP – The Rev. John F. Underwood, immediate past moderator, led the presbytery in worship with the Rev. Kymberley Clemons-Jones and Elder Shirley Russell. In his sermon entitled “Testing, Testing, Testing,” which was based on Matthew 22:15-22, Mr. Underwood spoke of and demonstrated the concept of a glass being half-full or half-empty and explained that that is not the question; the question really is “what are we going to do with what is in the glass.”

During worship the following officers were installed: Elder Ida Rosario (moderator), Elder Glorya Johnson (first vice-moderator), and the Rev. James B. Rea, Jr. (second vice-moderator). John Underwood presented Ida Rosario with the moderator’s stole and cross and Ida presented John with a gift from the presbytery and thanked him for his service as moderator. The offering was dedicated to the Presbytery.

PRESBYTERY VOTED:

1. To approve the minutes of the stated meeting held on October 22, 2011 and the minutes of the special meeting held on November 16, 2011.
2. Confirm the election by the Trustees of the following corporate officers for 2012: Elder Jane Hollinshead, president; The Rev. Ralph B. Wright, Jr., vice-president; the Rev. Kathlyn Ferguson-Nealand, secretary/recording clerk.
3. To designate the following three churches, based on an alphabetical rotation system, as the churches whose sessions are invited to elect an additional elder commissioner to presbytery meetings, beginning with the April, 2012, stated meeting and effective up to, but not including, the April, 2013, stated meeting and requesting that sessions give special attention to the concerns of F-1.0403 and G-3.0103 (participation and representation): Bellmore, Bethpage, and Brentwood.
4. Release the Rev. Stanley M. McAnelly, III, from the ordered ministry of Teaching Elder effective January 28, 2012.
5. Organize former members of the Korean Church of Long Island, dissolved in 2010, as the first fellowship organized under the New Church and Fellowship Committee Policy.
6. That the Shepherding Council appoint a team to supervise and organize the new Korean Presbyterian Fellowship under II. B, of the policy.
7. That the team appointed to supervise and organize the fellowship report its progress to the April, 2012, Presbytery meeting.
8. To send to the 220th General Assembly an Overture from the Rev. Reginald Tuggle. (In this packet.)

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9. Concur with the Overture from the Presbytery of Boston to the 220th General Assembly (2012) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) on Authoritative Interpretation of W-4.9000. (in this packet)
10. Concur with the Overture from the Presbytery of Mid-Kentucky to the 220th General Assembly (2012) of the Presbyterian Church (USA) (in this packet) to respond faithfully to concerns regarding the for-profit health care industry, and the resultant denial of health care to millions of people.
11. Re-commission Elder Mario Fernandez as Lay Pastor at Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana, Brentwood, for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2014. The terms will be approved when they are available.
12. Re-commission Elder Gustavo Sanchez as Lay Pastor at Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana, Hempstead, for the period January 1, 2012, through December 31, 2014. The terms will be approved when they are available.
13. Authorize Elder Gary Stuber, Clerk of Session of the Merrick church, to administer the Lord's Supper with candidate Rachel Vione who is serving the church as pulpit supply.
14. Record the roll of ministers of the Presbytery of Long Island as of December 31, 2011. (In this packet)
15. Elect the following people to the indicated positions:
220th GA Commissioners – 2012
 Elder Kirk Dorn (Huntington, Central)
 Elder Larry Keith (Garden City, Alternate)
 Elder Scott Williams (Hempstead, Christ's First)
 Elder Maria Studer (Alternate)
 Rev. Jeffrey Prey
 Rev. Eddie Jusino (Alternate)
 Rev. Yvonne Collie-Pendleton
 Rev. Anne Stewart Miller (Alternate)
Directors, United Presbyterian And Reformed Ministries
 Class of 2013 Maureen Witte (Oceanside)
Shepherding Council, Member At Large
 Class of 2013 Rev. James W. Hulsey
16. Approve a lease between the Yaphank Presbyterian Church and the Suffolk County United Veteran's Project, Inc. The property to be leased is the Manse at 135 Main Street, Yaphank. The term is for a period of two years at a monthly rental of \$ 2,180.

OTHER THINGS THAT HAPPENED:

1. The Treasurer presented his report. (In this packet)
2. Partnering Congregations: The Rev. Adrian J. Pratt asked members to look around the room and see the presbytery's mission statement written in the different languages spoken by the churches and fellowships in our presbytery.
 He reported that the recent Hispanic Churches' retreat, at which Daniel Damiani spoke on the gifts of the Spirit, was attended by 33 people.
 The Nassau County Joint Youth Ministry held a sleepover in Baldwin, three of the churches are sharing confirmation classes, and they are planning a joint bible study for Lent.
 Members were reminded of the "Wall of Affinity" where they could post requests for partners in ministries, offer possibilities for ministry, or request presbytery help with ministries.
 The Rev. Peter D. Surgenor, executive director of the Presbyterian Center at Holmes, was

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- introduced, and he pointed out the advantage of summer camp in preparing young people for independent living. He also spoke of the confirmation retreats that the camp offers.
3. Empowering Mission: The Rev. Harold (Fritz) Nelson reported that the special offering to help upstate churches affected by hurricane Irene raised \$13,028. One-half of the money was sent to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and marked for upstate aid and one-half is available to people from our presbytery who volunteer to go upstate and help.
The Rev. Twyla Hajdukiewicz who urged members to enter the SouperBowl Challenge to see which church can collect the most cans of soup for the hungry beginning with SuperBowl Sunday and continuing through the month of February. Counts are to be emailed every week to mipoffice@mipchurch.org .
The Rev. Kenneth Graham presented a grant of \$1,000 to the Glen Cove church for the church's winter program which has provided shelter for the homeless as part of the North Shore Sheltering Program for fifteen years.
Self-Development of People Task Force: Carolyn Ashe thanked the presbytery congregations for their support for the One Great Hour of Sharing offering and explained that one-third of the offering goes to the Presbyterian Hunger Fund, one-third to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and one-third to Self-Development of People.
Joyful Choice Workgroup: The Rev. George E. Gaffga who presented the new group's purpose as follows: "To assist people toward a joyful choice of bringing their unborn children into the world. We pray to bring the love of Jesus Christ to a hurting and broken world, especially to those in crisis pregnancies."
 4. The Rev. George E. Gaffga called the Rev. JinSuk Kim and the Rev. Jung Suk Seo forward and introduced them as the minister and associate minister of the newly chartered Faith Korean Presbyterian Church. Rev. Kim explained that his congregation was enthusiastic about joining the Mattituck church's mission work in Haiti.
 5. The Rev. Andrew R. Hart presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. (In this packet)
 6. The Rev. Kathlyn Ferguson-Nealand presented the Synod report. (In this packet)
 7. Elder Susan J. Sommerville presented the presbytery with a plate commemorating the bicentennial anniversary of Princeton University.
 8. The Rev. John F. Underwood presented changes to the Bylaws of the presbytery for a first reading at this meeting and for vote in April.
 9. The Rev. Fred H. Woodward presented the Committee on Ministry's new policy on temporary positions for first reading at this meeting and for vote in April.
 10. Elder Susan J. Sommerville presented the New Church Development Task Force's "New Church Development Policy" (in this packet) for first reading; the policy will be presented for vote at the April presbytery meeting.
 11. The Rev. Edward M. Myers gave the eulogy for the Rev. Marcus V. Anderson who died on December 3, 2011, at the age of 88. Mr. Anderson became a member of the Presbytery of Long Island in 1963 when he was called to be one of the Assistant Pastors at the Presbyterian Community Church in Massapequa. He later served churches in Elmont and Point Lookout. In 1990 Mr. Anderson retired and moved to Columbia Maryland.
 12. Members of presbytery were treated to a delicious homemade lunch of sandwiches, salad, soup, empanadas and desserts.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m. with prayer by Elder Ida Rosario.
The next meeting of the Presbytery of Long Island will be held on Tuesday, April 17, at Memorial Presbyterian Church, Roosevelt.

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