

## THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND

June 29, 2010

The Rev. John F. Underwood, Moderator

First Presbyterian Church, Amagansett

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 Tuesday, June 29, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church, Amagansett. The meeting was called to order by the Rev. John F. Underwood, first vice moderator, and convened at 1:35 p.m. with the call to worship by the Rev. Jeannine Frenzel, the singing of "All Things Bright and Beautiful," and a unison prayer of invocation.

**SERVICE OF WORSHIP** - The Rev. Jeannine Frenzel led the presbytery in worship which was spread throughout the meeting. Her sermon entitled "Which Way Did He Go?" was based on Psalm 104 and Luke 10:1-11, 16-30. Ms. Frenzel reminded members that, in spite of all the problems we see in the world, "the Kingdom of God has come near" and our job is to help God heal the earth and its creatures. The Rev. Steven Howarth, the Rev. James W. Hulsey, the Rev. Anne H. McAnelly, Elder Gloria Johnson, and the Rev. Peter Sulyok assisted in leading worship. The offering was dedicated to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance for the Gulf oil spill. (The offering collected amounted to almost \$1,000.

**GREETINGS FROM THE HOST CHURCH** - The Rev. Steven E. Howarth, Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Amagansett, extended a warm welcome to members of presbytery on behalf of the congregation and explained that the church was very active in the community and hosted numerous twelve-step groups. The Rev. Robert B. Stuart, Pastor Emeritus for the Amagansett church, presented a brief history of the church.

**SPECIAL PRAYERS** – The Rev. R. David Aldridge, pastor of Central Presbyterian Church in Huntington, gave presbytery an update on Elder Kirk Dorn, moderator of the presbytery and offered a prayer for his recovery. Kirk has been recovering from surgery for over a month and has recently been hospitalized for a blood clot in his lung.

### **PRESBYTERY VOTED TO:**

1. Approve the minutes of the stated meeting held on March 23, 2010.
2. Approve the new position description for the Transition Presbyter (in this packet) for the period of transition from May 1, 2010, until the date the new General Presbyter takes office.
3. Approve the amended position description for the Treasurer/Financial Secretary (in this packet) for the year 2011.
4. **Approve the Position Description for General Presbyter (in this packet).**
5. Approve the amendments to the Bylaws of the Presbytery of Long Island (proposed changes in this packet).
6. Approve the 2011 Personnel Budget (in this packet).
7. Approve the 2011 Presbytery Budget (in this packet) in the amount of \$612,021.00
8. Establish the 2011 presbytery per capita rate at \$18.81. (Same as 2010)

9. Approve the allocation of mission partnership giving for the year 2011 as follows:  
Presbytery of Long Island – 66%; Synod of the Northeast – 6%; General Assembly – 28%.  
(Same as 2010)
10. Approve the 2010 Compensation Report. (Was emailed to churches before the meeting.)
11. Approve the 2011 Compensation Program for Pastors. (In this packet)
12. Appoint CLP Elder Mario Fernandez moderator of the PIPH session for the quarterly joint stated summer meeting of the sessions of the PIPH Brentwood and the Brentwood Presbyterian Church.
13. Grant the Rev. Ralph B. Wright, Jr., the status of Honorably Retired, effective July 1, 2010.
14. Amend (new language in bold, removed parts struck out) part 6 of the *Separation Policy for Pastoral Relationships* as follows:  
Part 6. If a pastoral relationship is terminated involuntarily under circumstances described in #5 above, the congregation ~~may~~ **shall be asked to** provide financial severance compensation for the minister. This compensation would normally include salary, **tax-deferred investment**, pension, medical insurance, **SECA tax reimbursement**, and housing consideration and would ~~ordinarily be based on a formula of one month severance benefit for each year the pastoral relationship has existed up to a maximum of six months or until other significant employment is secured if earlier~~ be granted for a period not less than six months. Severance payments should end when new employment is found that includes compensation equivalent to or greater than the former position. If the compensation for new employment is less than the severance payment, the church should pay the difference for the remaining length of the severance agreement.
15. Elect the following individuals to the indicated positions:  
**Presbyterian Conference Association**  
'12 Robert Shevlin, Northport  
'13 Derrick Durgana, Deer Park; Jim Burke, Northport  
**Partnering Congregations Team**  
'11 Maria Studer, Levittown  
**Committee on Ministry**  
'13 Rev. Fred Woodward, Rev. Peter Sulyok  
**Committee on Preparation for Ministry**  
'13 Rev. Robert Griffin
16. Elect the Rev. Andrew R. Hart, to read ordination exams in the fall of 2010.
17. Enroll Robert Zemke (Glenwood Landing) as an inquirer.
18. Receive Minsoo Kim (Bethpage) as a candidate, effective June 30, 2010.
19. Consent to the Mortgage by the Arumdaun Presbyterian Church (USA) for the purpose of purchasing a building at 901 Stewart Avenue in Bethpage, New York for establishing an education building to the TD Bank in the sum of \$2,660,000, with a 5.75% rate for 20 years.
20. Adopt the report of the auditor Stanley Malaga CPA, P.C., who conducted the review of financial records for the Presbytery for the year ending December 31, 2009.
21. After the balance of the English Ministry fund from the former Korean Church of Long Island is received by the Presbytery, return the \$4,724.14 presently in the fund, and any interest earned on the \$4,724.14 to the English Ministry Group once they have settled into a new congregation (regardless of location) up to three years from the date of this report. After this time, the funds may be designated to develop and/or support young adult ministry within the bounds of the Presbytery.
22. Authorize the Presbyterian Women to celebrate the sacrament of the Lord's Supper at their fall retreat.

23. Approve the Session minutes for the following 19 churches without exception:

Amagansett	Great Neck	Oyster Bay
Babylon	Hempstead	Setauket
Brentwood	Huntington, Central	Southampton, First
Bridgehampton	Mattituck	Southold
Center Moriches	Melville	Westhampton
Deer Park 2007, 2008, 2009	New Hyde Park	Yaphank
Glen Cove		

24. Approve the Session minutes for the following 31 churches with exception:

Bellmore	Greenlawn	Oceanside
Bethpage 2008, 2009	Huntington, Old First	Port Jefferson
Brentwood PIPH	Huntington Station	Port Washington
Brookhaven	Islip	Roosevelt
Cutchogue	Levittown	Roslyn
East Hampton, First	Malverne	Sag Harbor 2007- 2009
East Hampton (Springs)	Massapequa	Shelter Island
East Moriches	Merrick	Smithtown
Elmont	Middle Island	West Islip
Freeport	Montauk	
Garden City	Northport	

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS WERE PRESENTED FOR INFORMATION:**

1. The Personnel Committee's report. (In this packet.)
2. The Treasurer's report. (In this packet.)
3. Elder William Thompson, moderator of the Empowering Mission Team, presented a report on Habitat for Humanity. (Information in this packet.)
4. A report from the Peace, Justice, and Hunger Workgroup. (In this packet.)
5. The following 8 churches have not yet submitted their 2009 minutes: Baldwin, Glenwood Landing, Manorville, Mineola - 2008 & 2009, Remsenburg, Selden, Southampton (Shinnecock), Valley Stream.
6. Information about Board of Pensions services may be found at [www.pensions.org](http://www.pensions.org).

**OTHER THINGS THAT HAPPENED:**

1. There was a service of honorable retirement for the Rev. Ralph B. Wright, Jr., during which the Rev. Peter J. Kelley and Elder Richard Chichester spoke of Ralph's involvement in the community, the leadership he had provided for the presbytery as a Trustee and on the Budgeting Committee, and the help he gave to people with their taxes and financial questions.  
Ralph thanked the members of the presbytery for the privilege of working with them and promised that he wasn't going anywhere, and he would still be around to help where needed.
2. A commissioning service was held for the commissioners to General Assembly and for the young people and their advisors who will be attending the Presbyterian Youth Triennium.
3. The Rev. Frederick H. Woodward reported the death of the Rev. Robert Duncan who had

served the Greenlawn and Mineola churches in the Presbytery of Long Island.

4. There was a pre-presbytery workshop about some of the issues coming to General Assembly.