

The Presbytery of Elizabeth
 Presbyterian Church (USA)
642nd Stated Meeting
September 28 MMX
United Presbyterian Church
Plainfield, NJ

Attendance.

Congregation	Minister		Elder	
Avenel	Jason Tucker	P	Wayne Collins	P
Basking Ridge (3)	Dennis Jones William O Culton (TS)	P P	Nancy Bedner John Hoare Ken Warman	P P P
Bedminster, Lamington	Matthew Davis [Vacant (A)]	P --	Lori Larsen	P
Berkeley Heights, Westminster	[Vacant (P)]	--	Eugene Daniel	P
Bernardsville	Chester Kim	P		A
Carteret	Rachel S. Stahle (D)	E	Charlotte Toke	P
Clark, Osceola	John Naugle	P	Jean Rudyk	P
Clinton	Linda Robinson (I) [Vacant (A)]	E --		A
Cranford (2)	Diane Curtis (I) Valencia Norman (A)	E P	Joan Pinto Arthur Winter, Jr.	P P
Dunellen, First	Jeff Hayes Wildrick Silvio del Campo (E)	A A		A
Edison, Community (2)	Kenneth Macari	P	Pat Meyer Bob Siepmann	P P
Edison, Lord of Hope (2)	Chang Woo Lee	P		A A
Edison, Oak Tree (2)	Jill Hedlund Kitsko (D)	P	Laura Reeves Joanne Mesonas	P P
Elizabeth, First (2)	Robert Higgs (D)	P	Rafael Rodriguez	P A
Elizabeth, Second (2)	Michael Granzen	P	Linwood Bagby	A A
Elizabeth, Third-Westminster (2)	Frank K Muse (D)	P	Betty Prezzy Bryant Margaret Robinson	P P

Elizabeth, Korean (2)	Jaeshin Soh [Vacant (A)]	P --		A A
Elizabeth, Siloam-Hope (2)	John Howard	P	Helen Mosley Wanda Sizemore-McRae	P P
Fanwood (2)	David Jahnke E Anderson-Domer (TS)	P P	Sally Drews Carol Thomson	P P
Fords, First (2)	Douglas Kurtz (SS)	A		A A
Garwood (2)	[Vacant (P)]	--		A A
Hillside Millennium (2)	Jupiaci Gomes	P		A A
Iselin, First (2)	James F. Thomas	P	Betty Stauffer Rich Zavoli	P P
Liberty Corner (4)	Donald Feuerbach Anne Havrilla (A)	A A	Don Mayer-Brown Debbie West	P P A A
Linden (2)	William Weaver	P	Janice Acheson Meredith Schachter	P A
Linden, Calvin (2)	Bebb Wheeler Stone (I)	P	Anne Kenderes George Vircik	P P
Martinsville, Christ (2)	Susan Joseph Rack	E		A A
Metuchen, First (3)	Samuel Massengill Curtis Lane Paul II (A)	P P	Jeremy Campbell Mary Kay Dangremond	P P A
Middlesex (2)	Neal Presa	P	Ruth Mikalonis	P A
Mountainside, Community (2)	Chris Belden	P	Marjorie Bradshaw Nicholas Bradshaw	P P
New Providence (3)	Jeffrey Ebert Michael Flavin (A) Ian Rankine (A)	P A A	Mike Shao	P A A
No. Plainfield, Watchung Ave. (2)	Shannan Vance-Ocampo	P	Douglas Boleyn Gwyn Gronlund	P P
Perth Amboy, First (2)	Peter Hofstra	P		A A
Pittstown, Bethlehem (2)	Laurie Sponaule	E	Alicia Tamilio	P A
Plainfield, Bethel (2)	Murv Gardiner (SS)	P	Paul Broady Wilbert Smikle	P P
Plainfield, Crescent Ave	Robert Martin	P	Joan Pivnichny	P

Plainfield, United	Victor Aloyo, Jr. (TS)	P	Jonathan Williams	P
Pluckemin	A. Coile Estes K Brostrum-O'Brien (IA)	P P	Heidi Kelleher	P
Rahway, First	Douglas Grote (I)	P	Al Shipley	P
Rahway, Second	Douglas Muller	P	Debbie Thomas	P
Roselle, First	Karen Chamis	P		A
Scotch Plains, Willow Grove	C Cochran-Carney	E	Jon Finne	P
Springfield, First	Victoria M. Ney	E	Don Rathjens	E
Summit, Central (2)	Charles Baier (I) John Illian (A) [Vacant (A)]	P P --	Susan Haig	P A
Union, Connecticut Farms	Roberta Arrowsmith	P	Sheila Griffen	P A
Union, Townley	Chris Taylor	P	Lois Tangowski	P
Warren, Trinity United	[Vacant (P)]	--	Lynn Merrill	P
Westfield (4)	Raymond Roberts Mike Samson (A) Emily Wilmarth (A)	P A P	Mark Fleder Edward Jacobi David Rogers	P P P A
Woodbridge, First	Robert Boyar Shelley Gardner (A)	P E	Sal Amato	P

Specialized Ministers in Other Service of This Church (G-11.0410)

Gregory A. Albert, Interim Executive Presbyter (Presbytery of Elizabeth)	P
Linda Owens, DCE, (Bound Brook PC, New Brunswick Presbytery)	A
Maureen Paterson, DCE, (The Presbyterian Church at Basking Ridge)	P
Paul F. Rack, Stated Clerk (Presbytery of Elizabeth)	P
Mercy Rumengan, PA (Metuchen Indonesian Fellowship)	P

Specialized Ministers in Service Beyond the Jurisdiction of this Church (G-11.0411)

Leonard Bethel (Rutgers University)	A
Sally Campbell (St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, PA)	E
Deirdre Greenwood White (Annisquam Village Ch, Gloucester, MA)	E
Kathryn Henry (Peapack Reformed Church, Gladstone, NJ)	P
Linda Hora (NJ Veterans' Memorial Home, Edison, NJ)	A
Jennifer T. Hrynyk (Community Congregational Ch, Short Hills, NJ)	A
Christina L. McCormick (The Westminster Schools, Atlanta, GA)	E
Dorothy Morris (Norwood Terrace, Plainfield, NJ)	P

Arthur Pace, U.S. Army Chaplain (Pennsylvania)	E
Janet Vane Pederson (Grace Healthcare Services, Edison, NJ)	P

Ministers at Large (G-11.0406b)

Isaac Ahn	A
Jennifer Butler (Washington DC)	E
Jeffrey Cochran-Carney	E
Bradley Crump (Queens, New York)	E
Lawrence Finn III	A
Leslie Foltz-Morrison	P
Philip M. Jones	A
John S. Oh (California)	E
Charles R. Sanders	P
Gary Wetzel	P
Joseph Yoon	A

Inactive Roll (G-10.0302 (3)(a))

Robert A. Davis (Florida)	--
Jeff Neufeld (Georgia)	--
Mark Smith, U.S. Navy Chaplain (New Jersey)	--

Retired Ministers

Helen Beglin	E
Robert Beringer	E
Frederick Black	E
Russell Block	E
George Bonnell	E
Charles Brackbill	E
Howard Bryant	P
Reid S. Byers, Jr.	E
John Dunlap, Jr.	E
Else Farr (California)	E
Joseph Garlic	E
Leonard Grant (Florida)	E
Charles Hale	P
David Krotchko	E

Winter Lantz (North Carolina)	E
Abraham Luckhoff (Georgia)	E
Charles Maxell (Michigan)	E
John Millar (Manitoba Canada)	E
Hibbert Moss	E
Corina Rodriguez (Oklahoma)	E
Bruce Schundler	E
S. Lorenzo Shannon (Virginia)	E
Timothy J.J. Shu	E
John Stephenson	P
John Talbot (Florida)	E
Elmer Talcott	P
W. Aldred Tisdale, Jr. (Connecticut)	E
James Verser	E
Je Sun Yoo	E
Edward Younken	E

Elders Serving on Council

Amy Aaroe (Cranford, First), Presbyterian Women	A
Janet Bentley (Basking Ridge), Personnel Committee	P
Warren Braunwarth (Central), Member at Large	A
Susan C. Gieser (Westminster), Council Chair	A
Brenda Johnson (Siloam-Hope), COR	A
Susan K. Krivenko (Rahway, First), Vice-Moderator	P
Jack Paddon (Liberty Corner), Member at Large	P
David Rogers (Westfield), Trustees	P
Alicia Tamilio (Pittstown, Bethlehem), EDU	P
Arthur Winter, Jr. (Cranford, First), OSCU (see Cranford)	--
Judith Wussler (Fanwood), Synod of the NE Representative	P

Elders Who Have Served as Moderator

John Cavicchia (Fanwood)	A
Maggie Chilton (Central) (Kentucky)	E
Alan Ford (Bethlehem)	P
Barbara McLaughlan (Westfield)	P

Minutes.

Call to Order.

The 642nd Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Elizabeth was held on Tuesday, September 28, 2010, at the United Presbyterian Church, in Plainfield, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 4:00 pm (EDT), and opened with a prayer by Susie Krivenko (Rahway First), the Moderator of Presbytery.

A quorum was present.

1. The Moderator introduced the Host Pastor, Victor Aloyo (United/*Nuevas Fronteras*), who welcomed the presbytery. He introduced the facility and spoke briefly about the history and mission of these two Christian communities. He noted the fruitful and long-standing relationship between United church and the presbytery, whose offices are housed in this building.
2. A first-time Commissioner was introduced from the Iselin church.
3. The presbytery welcomed Rev. Jeremy Montgomery (American Baptist Church), who is the Executive Director of Habitat for Humanity of Plainfield, as a guest.

Moderator.

Susie Krivenko, the Moderator of Presbytery, presented her report. (See Appendix I.) She is looking at a full schedule of ordinations and installations in the coming weeks.

Stated Clerk.

Paul F. Rack (SM), the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, presented his report, which consisted of the following Consent Agenda:

1. The distributed Docket for this meeting.
2. The Minutes of the 641st Stated Meeting.
3. The following excuses, collected at the meeting:
4. The Minutes of the Council from July and September 2010. (See Appendix II.)
5. The Treasurer's Report. (See Appendix III.)
4. PRISM, annual report
5. Synod of the Northeast
Report of the New Jersey Presbytery Partnership Group
6. Outreach and Social Concerns Unit
New Hope Initiative Grants:
Edison Community - \$750. To establish an ESL program.
Perth Amboy - \$4,250. To establish a Portuguese Fellowship.

The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the items on the Consent Agenda.

The presbytery listened to several important announcements from presbyters, indicating a wide range of ministries and initiatives in the presbytery.

Recognition of the Red Ribbon Fellowship by PHEWA.

Bebb Stone (Calvin), who is the President of the Presbyterian Health, Education, and Welfare Association, announced to the presbytery that the first ever Presbyterian AIDS Network "Faith In Action" Award has gone to the Red Ribbon Fellowship, based out of the Elizabeth First church.

Bebb noted that what the Red Ribbon Fellowship does is really evangelism. It is about meeting our neighbors and finding out what they need. The truth is that the people of the church need to develop relationships of trust with neighbors before we can effectively invite them to walk in the door. In the mid-1980's, people connected with Old First in Elizabeth became concerned with the exploding AIDS epidemic. Jim Reisner and Charles Hale created the support group that became a growing ministry bringing hope and healing to many individuals who were affected or infected by the AIDS pandemic. Charles finally organized them as the Red Ribbon Fellowship, in 1994. The group took on the ancient cemetery as their mission. In the ensuing years the group has connected with many elements of the community, also bringing some new members into Old First church. They have tested over 2,000 individuals for HIV/AIDS. The General Assembly has made a point of instituting testing, and it would be a good idea for our presbytery to do so as well.

Bebb then called Charles, Raphael Rodriguez, and Bob Higgs forward to re-present to them the award they received at the General Assembly. She read the inscription and the presbytery recognized them with a standing ovation.

Personnel Committee.

Janet Bentley (Basking Ridge), chair, presented the report of the Personnel Committee. She brought for a First Reading the Revised Position Description for Stated Clerk (First Reading). This will come for final approval to the November Stated Meeting.

Interim Executive Presbyter.

Greg Albert (SM) presented his report.

1. He thanked the churches that have extended an invitation to the presbytery to have representatives come and talk to them about the presbytery's mission. Twenty-six churches have applied; we hardly have enough volunteers to meet the demand. We are also doing an on-line survey, called "Portal." Someone in every church should have received it; 168 people have completed the questionnaire already. (There is a paper version for non-computer-literate people.) This will supplement the feedback we get from the sessions. We have 16 churches still not responding; it's only been a short time, but everyone is encouraged to participate in the survey. We are hoping for 3300 respondents.
2. Greg then called up the Stated Clerk, Dave Bomgaars (the Treasurer of Presbytery), and Bruce Pereyra (the Presbytery Bookkeeper), who have served the presbytery for over ten years. He spoke generously about each person and presented testimonial gifts to each.

Special Nominating Committee.

Susie Krivenko reported that this committee is working to find new members for the Nominating Committee.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Roberta Arrowsmith (Connecticut Farms), chair, presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry. She announced that on September 7, 2010, the committee voted to approve the Final Assessment of candidate Nadia Ayoub (Central), and authorized her to receive a call and be ordained as a Minister of Word and Sacrament.

Memorial Moment for Clinton McCoy.

Judy Wussler (Fanwood) presented a time of remembrance and celebration for the life and ministry of

Rev. Clinton McCoy, Co-Executive, Synod of the Northeast, who passed into the Communion of the Saints on September 12, 2010. Judy was at a meeting with Clint only the day before he died. He had been in his position at the synod for four years. Clint had special relationships with many people throughout the synod; he was always ready with valuable information and historical insights. He was an avid fisherman; the hymn "Lord, You Have Come the Lakeshore" was sung at his memorial service. The words from that hymn, "Now with you, I will seek other seas," held special meaning for us as we sang it as the presbytery meeting as well.

*Rest eternal grant him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.*

Nominating Committee.

Curtis Lane Paul (Metuchen), acting-chair, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. He presented the following slate of nominees for positions in the presbytery.

<u>Committee on Ministry</u>	
Elder Dawn Clarke (Springfield)	2010 (1b)
Rev. Matthew Davis (Lamington)	2013 (1)
<u>Committee on Preparation for Ministry</u>	
Rev. Victor Aloyo (United/Nuevas Fronteras)	2013 (1)
<u>Education and Discipleship Committee</u>	
Elder Mary Bielen (Westfield)	2013 (1)
<u>Elizabethport Presbyterian Center Board of Directors</u>	
Mark Washburn (Central)	
Yolanda Dentley (Community Representative)	

There being no nominations from the floor, the presbytery **VOTED** to elect these nominees.

The Administrative Commission for the Central Church.

Bonnie Ruggiero (Willow Grove), co-chair, presented an interim report from the Administrative Commission working with the Central church. (See Appendix IV.) She expressed her appreciation to Charles Baier (Central) who has been working hard as the First-Response Interim Pastor at the Central church.

Susan Hague (Central) also expressed appreciation for the commission's work.

Committee on Ministry, I.

James Thomas (Iselin), chair, presented the first part of the report of the Committee on Ministry.

1. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the request of the Presbytery of Newton to ordain Candidate Kathryn Mustaro (Basking Ridge) to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament on Sunday, November 7, 2010 at 4:00 PM at The Presbyterian Church in Basking Ridge, NJ; and her transfer to the Presbytery of Newton.

Commission.
Elder Susie Krivenko (Rahway First), Moderator of Presbytery
Elder Sara Burke (Westfield)
Elder Charles King (Basking Ridge)
Rev. Robert Beringer (HR)
Rev. Howard Bryant (HR)
Rev. Jill Kitsko (Oak Tree)

2. Approve the following Administrative Commission to install Jill Kitsko (Oak Tree) as Pastor of the Oak Tree church, on October 24, 2010, at 10 am.

Commission.

Elder Susie Krivenko (Rahway First), Moderator of Presbytery
 Elder Robert Waldner (Basking Ridge)
 Elder Karen Wallner (Oak Tree)
 Rev. Greg Albert (SM)
 Rev. Helen Beglin (HR)
 Rev. Chang Woo Lee (Lord of Hope)

4. Jim presented Maureen Paterson (MaL), candidate for Associate Pastor at the Basking Ridge church. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the terms of her call and to install her to this position. A congregational meeting was held on September 26, 2010, moderated by Dennis Jones. Maureen spoke briefly on her sense of call to this new position. Members of the Basking Ridge church came forward for prayer with Maureen by Dennis Jones (Basking Ridge).
5. The committee completed Triennial Visits with the Bernardsville, Carteret, and Twonley churches.
6. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Proposed "Covenant of Closure" document for ministers when they leave a particular church. (See Appendix V.)
7. **Memorial Moment for Joyce Stedje-Fowler.**

Dottie Morris (SM) led the presbytery in a Memorial Moment for Rev. Joyce Stedje-Fowler. Joyce passed in the Communion of Saints on June 23, 2010. Joyce served in our presbytery in several churches and ministries since the mid-1980's, including the Christ and United churches. She has the distinction of being the first woman ordained as a minister in the Reformed Church of America. Joyce was an avid defender of inclusiveness, and caller-out of injustices in church and society.

*Rest eternal grant her, O Lord,
 and let perpetual light shine upon her.*

8. Jim also informed the presbytery of the following business concluded by the committee under G-11.0502h.
 - a. Approved the request of the session of the Pluckemin church to enter into an Interim Associate Pastor Covenant with Karen Brostrom-O'Brien (St. Andrew Presbytery) effective July 5, 2010; and examined Karen for membership in this presbytery.

Terms of Covenant.

Salary	\$34,170.00
Housing	\$17,081.00
Total Effective Salary	\$51,251.00
Pension, Medical, Death & Disability	\$16,144.06 (31.5% of TES)
Total Compensation to Minister	\$67,395.06
Travel/Professional Allowance	\$ 3,000.00
Continuing Education Allowance	\$ 1,800.00
Continuing Education Leave	Two weeks
Vacation	One month
Total Cost to Church	\$72,195.06

[AA/EEO guidelines were followed.]

- b. Approved the Church Information Form for the position of Pastor at the Cranford church.
 - c. Approved the Church Information Form for the position of Interim Pastor at the Central church.

- d. Approved the Church Information Form for the position of Associate Pastor (Part-time) at the Elizabeth Korean Church.
- e. Approved Victor Aloyo (United/*Nuevas Fronteras*) to serve with the title Organizing Pastor at *Nuevas Fronteras* NCD, effective July 1, 2010.
- f. Approved the request of the Administrative Commission working with the Central church for \$2,800 to facilitate its work. These funds will be drawn, if necessary, from Reserve Account #2452; the Committee on Ministry will request the Trustees of Presbytery to release funds from this reserve account.
- g. Approved the request of Diane Curtis (Cranford) to receive Interim Executive Training, November 4-8, 2011, at the Mercy Center, in St. Louis, MO.
- h. Approved an updated Stated Supply Covenant between the session of the Bethel church and Murv Gardiner. Murv will need to need to purchase private health insurance because he is serving 1/4 time and not eligible for Board of Pensions health coverage.
- i. Approved the following ministers to serve as Moderators of Sessions:

Robert E. Martin	Westminster
Isaac Ahn	Garwood
Charles Hale	Trinity United
- j. Received a Designated Pastor report from Frank Muse at Third-Westminster.
- k. Validated the ministry of Christina L. McCormick (MoB) to serve as Junior High Chaplain at Westminster Schools in Atlanta, GA, effective August 9, 2010.
- l. Appointed the Compensation Subcommittee for the 2011 Minimum Terms of Call, which will be presented for a First Reading at the November 16, 2010, Stated Meeting of presbytery.
- m. Approved the mission study for the Oak Tree church.
- n. Approved and referred to presbytery the request of Susan Joseph Rack (Martinsville) for Elder Sheila Breeding (Martinsville) to serve the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at the Martinsville church in the Pastor's absence.
- o. Approved the request of Bebb Wheeler Stone (Calvin) to attend Mediation Skills Training on October 4-8, 2010.
- p. Approved the mission study and Church Information Form for the position of Pastor at the Trinity United church.
- q. Approved the elimination of the position of Associate Pastor at the Clinton church.

Stewardship Committee.

Peter Hofstra (Perth Amboy), chair, presented the report of the Stewardship Committee. He brought the proposed per capita assessment amount for a first reading. We are hopefully completing the shift of our budgeting whereby the administrative and constitutional functions are funded by per capita, and mission giving funds the outreach and ministry of the presbytery.

Peter previewed the budget, lifting up areas of particular interest. This budget zeros out the "uncollected per capita" line, no longer assuming insufficient giving. Uncollected per capita will not be drawn out of the mission side.

The staff compensation total has not changed from last year. Office expenses assume a 10% growth rate.

This proposal anticipates \$7K less than last year's per capita budget. Last year a grant from mission funded the shortfall. This year we anticipate receiving the full amount in per capita. We expect the total per capita will be: \$36.80. (\$1 in per capita = \$13,500 in budget spending.) We cannot give a final per capita figure until we know for sure what the synod will be asking for, which has yet to be decided.

Actual dollar giving by the churches in response to the per capita increase last year was relatively flat. Churches appear to have shifted their giving to the presbytery from mission to per capita.

The Presbytery at Worship.

Worship was led by participants in the Youth Triennium.

Education and Discipleship Unit.

Alicia Tamilio (Bethlehem), chair, presented the report of the Education and Discipleship Unit, which mainly consisted of an update on the recent Youth Triennium. Alicia urged churches in the presbytery to begin planning *now* to send young people to the Youth Triennium in 2013. She would like to see 50 participants from this presbytery. Greg Albert also stood in appreciation of the adults who attended.

Report of Commissioners to the 219th General Assembly.

The commissioners and other representatives and attendees came forward to report on their experiences at the 219th General Assembly, in Minneapolis.

The program began with a PowerPoint slideshow to the accompaniment of the presbytery, humming "Shall We Gather at the River." This would be sung between the pieces of the following report.

Elder Wanda Sizemore-McRae (Siloam-Hope) spoke about the reduced paper policy at the assembly, and her work on the Social Witness "A" Committee. They discussed equal pay for women, and between ministers and non-ordained staff. They also discussed the border mission, helping immigrants, and issues of violence in the southwest. This is the 100th anniversary of the beginning of foreign missions sponsored by the Presbyterian Church. Missionaries today have to raise their own funds. They passed a resolution in support of public education in the USA; Presbyterians were instrumental in starting public education. She lifted up for celebration the fact that it has been 30 years since the first Youth Triennium, which Wanda herself attended! It is important to teach our youth that they need to start helping others now. She attended GA after having recent hip surgery, and was appreciative of the support she received from others in attendance. She was also thankful for all the support she got in minding her daughter, whom she brought along.

Rev. Bebb Stone (Calvin) read the text from John (7:37-38) which formed the theme of the General Assembly. (Bebb attended General Assembly as the authorized Overture Advocate from this presbytery.)

Rev. Karen Chamis (Roselle) reported on connections made and restored at General Assembly. She served on the Marriage and Civil Unions Committee. The Spirit was present and felt even though there were deep disagreements on the committee. Community happened. The plenary session failed to approve the committee's work. But people on opposite sides were still able to pray together.

Bebb read a passage from Jeremiah on "living water."

Elder Jack Paddon (Liberty Corner) attended General Assembly as an Alternate Elder Commissioner. He spoke of his connections to Minneapolis, where he first became an elder. He discovered many opportunities for special luncheons and programs open to assembly attendees, of which he took full advantage. There was wide diversity, yet unity in faith as Presbyterians. He saw this as a reflection of Jesus' two great commandments, and his "new commandment" about love for each other. The way people know we are Christ's followers is to love other believers.

Bebb reported on her work as Overture Advocate. The overture was assigned to a committee. She signed up to speak at the committee. The committee sustained two out of the three points of the overture, declining to provide funding for a staff person; while adding a new network to the PHEWA family. They put together a proposal to bring to plenary, with Skip Winter taking the initiative. Skip, as a Commissioner, moved the amendment on the floor, which passed. It allows PHEWA to solicit contributions across the country to fund an executive director for PHEWA.

Rev. Neal Presa (Middlesex) went to the General Assembly as chair of the Special Committee on the Heidelberg Catechism. His committee has been working with the Christian Reformed Church and the Reformed Church in America on a common translation of the Heidelberg Catechism. He also brought news to the General Assembly of the recent merger forming the World Communion of Reformed Churches.

Rev. Shannan Vance-Ocampo (Watchung Avenue) went to the General Assembly as a member of ... working on an overture from the Presbytery of Chicago advocating demilitarization in Colombia. After the Assembly she went to Colombia herself as an observer of US military installations, as per the Assembly's action. The Peacemaking Committee in our presbytery will be actively responding to the initiatives of the General Assembly.

Bebb read from John (4:10-11) another passage concerning "living water."

Skip Winter (Cranford) thanked the presbytery for sending him to General Assembly. Skip was on the Middle-East Peacemaking Committee. The committee dealt with 10 overtures, some overlapping in content. The 2 main issues were divestment from Caterpillar Corporation, and the approval of the "Breaking Down the Walls" report from a special committee of the 218th General Assembly. So many people wanted to speak to the committee that they had to use a lottery system. The committee room was filled every day with spectators. The Caterpillar issue was the easier to decide. The PCUSA has \$10m in Caterpillar stock. The decision was made not to divest, out of sensitivity to the people of Peoria, Illinois, where Caterpillar is based. The other reason is that Caterpillar does have a good record helping people in disaster situations. Plus there was hope that their new CEO would be more responsive. As for the second piece, the committee felt the group who wrote the "Breaking Down the Walls" report did not follow their mandate, in not being even-handed enough. The committee made changes in the report, making it more balanced, which was accepted by the General Assembly. The first part of the original report was received as recommendation, but not policy. The second part was approved, as it was in harmony with present Presbyterian policy. The third, narrative, part was rejected and planned to be replaced by a new document with more balanced opinions.

Rev. Charles Hale (HR) began with an analogy about window washing. He was a commissioner 40 years ago. He saw deep, sincere faith and intelligence on the part of Presbyterians at the General Assembly. There was a lot of walking. Chuck was on the International Peacemaking Committee. He gave kudos to the leadership of his committee. "What goes on at General Assembly is what happens when you send people like me, and that's your fault." He pointed out the "Assembly in Brief" booklet, which is available at this meeting, and urged presbyters to go to the denominational website for further details about what went on at General Assembly.

Bebb concluded by sharing a report she heard, written by a Jewish observer to the General Assembly. He considered the struggle he observed at the General Assembly to be "a thing of beauty." The Assembly was voting on things that matter. "They wrestle in love and create a space for reconciliation," he said.

Committee on Ministry, II.

Jim Thomas resumed with the second part of the report of the Committee on Ministry.

9. Jim presented Ryan Landino (Lehigh Presbytery), who is the candidate for the position of Pastor at the Calvin church. The presbytery examined Ryan, who read his Statement of Faith. The presbytery then **VOTED** to ordain Ryan to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and receive him as a member of the presbytery, and approve the terms of his call as Pastor at the Calvin church. A congregational meeting was held on September 19, 2010, moderated by Bebb Stone (Calvin). Members of the Calvin church came forward for prayer with Ryan by Bebb Stone.

Terms of Call.

Salary	\$44,000	
Housing	\$18,500	
Total Effective Salary		\$62,500
Pension, Medical, Death & Disability	\$19,687.50	(31.5% of TES)
Total Compensation to Minister		\$82,187.40
Travel/Professional Allowance	\$ 4,600.00	
Continuing Education Allowance	\$ 1,800.00	
Continuing Education Leave	Two weeks	
Vacation	One month	
Total Cost to Church		\$88,587.50

[AA/EEO guidelines were followed.]

10. Jim presented Young Jin Park (Elizabeth Korean), candidate for Associate Pastor at the Elizabeth Korean church. The presbytery examined Young, who read his Statement of Faith. The presbytery then **VOTED** to ordain Young to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and to receive him as a member of the presbytery, and approve the terms of her call as Associate Pastor at the Elizabeth Korean church. A congregational meeting was held on September 19, 2010,

moderated by Jaeshin Soh (Elizabeth Korean). Members of the Elizabeth Korean church came forward for prayer with Young by Jim Thomas.

<u>Terms of Call (part-time).</u>	
Salary and housing (Total Effective Salary)	\$25,625.50
Pension, Medical, Death & Disability	\$ 8,072.00 (31.5% of TES)
Total Compensation to Minister	\$33,697.50
Travel/Professional Allowance	\$ 1,500.00
Continuing Education Allowance	\$ 900.00
Continuing Education Leave	One week
Vacation	Half of one month
Total Cost to Church	\$36,097.50
[AA/EEO guidelines were followed.]	

The presbytery then **VOTED** to approve the following Administrative Commission to Ordain and Install Young Jim Park as Associate Pastor at the Elizabeth Korean church.

Commission.

Rev. Howard Bryant (HR), Former-Moderator of Presbytery
 Rev. Greg Albert (SM)
 Rev. Jaeshin Soh (Elizabeth Korean)
 Elder Sara Burke (Westfield)
 Elder Kim (Elizabeth Korean)
 Elder Jack Paddon (Liberty Corner)

11. Jim presented Nadia Ayoub (Central), who has received a call to serve as mission co-worker (Early Childhood Education Trainer), on behalf of the Worldwide Mission Unit of the Presbyterian Church (USA), through its Global Mission & Peacemaking Group and the Reformed Church in Carpath-Ukraine (KRE). The presbytery examined Nadia, who read her Statement of Faith. The presbytery then **VOTED** to ordain Nadia to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, to approve her ordination as Minister of Word and Sacrament at the Central church, on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at 3:00 PM; to approve the Ordination Commission; and to receive her as a member of this presbytery. Members of the Central church came forward for prayer with Nadia by John Illian (Central).

Commission.

Elder Susie Krivenko (Rahway First), Moderator of Presbytery
 Elder Cornelia Bowe (Central)
 Elder Anne Kenderes (Calvin)
 Elder Virginia Seavy (Fanwood)
 Rev. David Krotchko (HR)
 Rev. Valencia Norman (Cranford)

12. Jim presented Diane Ruffle (New Brunswick Presbytery) as part-time Temporary Supply at the Westminster church. The presbytery examined Diane, and **VOTED** to approve the terms of her covenant with the session, and enroll her as a member of Elizabeth Presbytery. Members of the Westminster church and other friends in the presbytery came forward for prayer with Diane by Chris Belden (Mountainside).

<u>Terms of Covenant (part-time, for six months).</u>	
Salary	\$ 8,000.00
Housing and Utilities	\$ 6,250.00
403(b) Contribution	\$ 1,200.00
Total Effective Salary	\$15,450.00
Pension, Medical, Death & Disability	\$ 4,866.75 (31.5% of TES)
Total Compensation to Minister	\$20,316.75
Social Security Offset	\$ 1,182.00
Travel/Professional Allowance	\$ 712.50
Continuing Education Allowance	\$ 300.00
Total Cost to Church	\$22,511.25
[AA/EEO guidelines were followed.]	

13. The presbytery **VOTED** to grant permission to the Committee on Ministry to approve at its next meeting the Ordination and/or Installation Commissions for Ryan Landino (Calvin), A. Coile Estes (Pluckemin), and Emily Wilmarth (Westfield).
14. The presbytery **VOTED** to reinstate Mark Smith (Inactive) to the roll of Active Ministers, and move him to the status of Honorably Retired.

Jim thanked the Moderator and presbytery Administrative Assistant Sara Burke for their assistance in putting together this lengthy report. It is the first time in at least two decades (as far as anyone could remember) that we have voted to ordain someone as a mission co-worker, or had three examinations for ordination in a single Stated Meeting of presbytery.

Adjourn.

The presbytery **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:52 pm (EDT), with prayer by the Moderator.

Attest:

Paul F. Rack
Stated Clerk