

**The Presbytery of Elizabeth**  
 Presbyterian Church (USA)  
**630<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting**  
**October 25 MMVIII**  
**First Presbyterian Community**  
**Elizabeth, NJ**

**Attendance.**

Congregation	Minister		Elder	
Avenel	Charles Baier (I)	E	Charles Kurowsky	E
Basking Ridge (4)	Tom Robinson (I) D Greenwood White (IA)	E E	Charles King	P A A A
Bedminster, Lamington (2)	Matthew Davis [Vacant (A)]	A		A A
Berkeley Heights, Westminster (2)	J Cochran-Carney (D)	E	Eugene Daniel	A A
Bernardsville (2)	Chester Kim	A		A A
Carteret (2)	[Vacant]	-	Alicia Toke Charlotte Toke	P P
Clark, Osceola (2)	John Naugle	P	Jean Rudyk	P A
Clinton (2)	Tim Harrison (C) Karen Harrison (C) Becci Curtis (A)	A A E		A A
Cranford (3)	Gregory Horn Valencia Norman (A)	P E	Arthur Winter, Jr.	A A A
Dunellen, First (2)	Jeff Hayes Wildrick Silvio DelCampo (E)	E P		A A
Edison, Community (2)	Kenneth Macari	E		A A
Edison, Lord of Hope	Chang Woo Lee	P		A A
Edison, Oak Tree (2)	Jill Hedlund Kitsko (D)	E		A A

Elizabeth, First (2)	Charles Hale (TS)	P	Michael Bradley Thomas McClay	P P
Elizabeth, Second (2)	Michael Granzen	P	Linwood Bagby Pascal Rasoanilana	P P
Elizabeth, Third-Westminster (2)	Birda Ferguson (I)	P	Ray Heller Margaret Robinson	P P
Elizabeth, Greystone (2)	[Vacant]	-	Clara Jimenez Candido Valdez	P P
Elizabeth, Korean (2)	Joon Sik Kim Isaac Ahn (A)	A A		A A
Elizabeth, Siloam-Hope (2)	John Howard	A		A A
Fanwood (2)	David Jahnke Elizabeth Anderson- Domer (PA)	E E	Judy Wussler	P A
Fords (2)	Douglas Kurtz (SS)	A		A A
Garwood (2)	Gary Wetzel	E		A A
Hillside Millennium (2)	Jupiaic Gomes	E		A A
Iselin (2)	James F. Thomas	P	Betty Stauffer Paul Staffer	E P
Liberty Corner (4)	[Vacant] Anne Havrilla (A) Anita Miller Bell (TS)	- E E E	Shelley Long	P A A A
Linden (2)	William Weaver	P	Meredith Schachter Paul Wolfe	E E
Linden, Calvin (2)	Bebb Wheeler Stone (I)]	P	Ann Pedersen Bart Zucosky	P P
Martinsville, Christ (2)	Susan Joseph Rack	P	Sheila Breeding	P A
Metuchen (3)	Samuel Massengill Curtis Lane Paul II (A)	P E	Phyllis Black Carol Carr Sherry Lawrence	P P P
Middlesex (2)	Neal Presa	E	Ruth Mikalonis	P A
Mountainside, Community (2)	Chris Belden	E	Nicholas Bradshaw Louise Sgarro	P P

New Providence (3)	Jeffrey Ebert Michael Flavin (A) Ian Rankine (A)	A A A		A A A
No. Plainfield, Watchung Ave. (2)	Douglas Grote (I)	A	Doug Boleyn Dianne Ledger	P P
Perth Amboy (2)	Peter Hofstra	E		A A
Pittstown, Bethlehem	Paul Rack (I)	P	Alicia Tamilio	A
Plainfield, Bethel	Murv Gardiner (SS)	A	Paul Broady	P
Plainfield, Crescent Avenue	Robert Martin	P	Nick Stevens	P
Plainfield, United	Victor Aloyo, Jr. (TS)	A		A
Pluckemin	David Noble (I)	P	Stuart Race	P
Rahway, First	Branwen Cook	P	Al Shipley	A
Rahway, Second	Douglas Muller	A		A
Roselle, First	Karen Chamis	E	Richard Bennett	P
Scotch Plains, Willow Grove	C Cochran-Carney	P	Jon Finne	P
Springfield	Victoria M. Ney	E	Don Rathjens	E
Summit, Central (3)	Philip Jones John Illian (A) [Vacant (A)]	E E -	Norman Brown Ted Chao Adele Irving	P P P
Union, Connecticut Farms	Howard Bryant (I)	E	Millicent Egbert	P
Union, Townley	Christopher Taylor	E	Lois Tangowski	E
Warren, Trinity United	Elsie A. Rhodes	A		A
Westfield (4)	Raymond Roberts Tina McCormick (A) Mike Samson (A)	A E A	Wilma Barker George Harbt Gail Hein Barbara Ringk	P P P P
Woodbridge	Robert Boyar	A	Al Amatucci	P

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

Leslie Foltz-Morrison (NJ Interfaith Council on Disaster)	A
Robert Foltz-Morrison (Presbytery Staff)	E
William Ross Forbes (Board of Pensions)	E
Linda Owens (Bound Brook PC, New Brunswick Presbytery)	A
Mercy Rumengan (Metuchen Indonesian Fellowship)	E

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

Leonard Bethel (Rutgers University)	P
Patricia Briegs (Therapist)	P
Sally Campbell (St. Luke's Hospital)	E
Kathryn Henry (Peapack Reformed Church)	A
Linda Hora (NJ Veterans' Home)	A
Jennifer T. Hrynyk (Community Congregational Ch, Short Hills)	E
Dorothy Morris (Norwood Terrace)	A
Arthur Pace (U.S. Army Chaplain) (Pennsylvania)	E
Mark Smith (U.S. Navy Chaplain)	A

**Ministers-at-Large** (G-11.0406b)

Erika Beer-Gerhard (Pennsylvania)	E
Jennifer Butler (Maryland)	E
Matthew Camlin (Pennsylvania)	E
Bradley Crump (New York)	E
Robert Davis (Florida)	E
Lawrence Finn III	P
Fernando Jensen (Florida)	E
Jeff Neufeld (Georgia)	E
John Oh (Florida)	E
Yoon Park	A
Maureen Paterson	P
Janet Vane Pederson	A
Corina Rodriguez (Oklahoma)	E
Hector Seda	P
W. Alfred Tisdale, Jr. (Connecticut)	E
James Verser	E
Joseph Yoon	A

**Retired Ministers**

Helen Beglin	E
Robert Beringer	E
Frederick Black	P

Russell Block	E
George Bonnell	E
Charles Brackbill	P
Keith Brown (Pennsylvania)	E
(Howard Bryant) <i>see Union, Connecticut Farms above</i>	-
Reid S. Byers, Jr.	E
John Dunlap, Jr.	E
Thomas Evans	E
Else Farr (California)	E
Joseph Fowler (New York)	E
Joseph Garlic	E
Leonard Grant	E
(Charles Hale) <i>see Elizabeth, First above</i>	-
David Krotchko	E
Winter Lantz (North Carolina)	E
Abraham Luckhoff (Georgia)	E
Charles Maxell (Michigan)	E
John Millar (Manitoba Canada)	E
Hibbert Moss	E
Bruce Schundler	E
S. Lorenzo Shannon (Virginia)	E
Timothy J.J. Shu	E
Joyce Stedge-Fowler (New York)	E
John Stephenson	E
John Talbot (Florida)	E
Elmer Talcott	P
Je Sun Yoo	E
Edward Younken	E

**Elders Serving on Council**

Susan C. Gieser (Westminster), Vice-Chair	A
Lee Anne Lowman (Central), Chair	P



# Minutes.

## **The Presbytery at Worship.**

The presbytery gathered for worship with featured a sermon on Isaiah 56:1-8, Romans 14, and Matthew 7:1-5, by Paul F. Rack.

## **Moderator's Call to Order.**

The 630<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Elizabeth was held on Saturday, October 25, 2008, at the First Presbyterian Church, Elizabeth, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 9:48 am (EDT), and opened with prayer by Barbara McLaughlan (Westfield), the Moderator of Presbytery.

A quorum was present.

1. The Moderator introduced the Host Pastor, Charles Hale (Elizabeth First), who welcomed the presbytery and spoke of the history and promise of this congregation. He also introduced Charles Brackbill (HR), who has worked closely with the congregation over the years. He lately was instrumental in securing a large grant from the Snyder Foundation, and setting up the Old First Historic Trust. He was presented with a commemorative plaque from the church.
2. First time Commissioners were introduced from the Crescent Avenue, Westfield, and Elizabeth First churches.
3. The presbytery **VOTED** to seat Roberta Arrowsmith (Philadelphia Presbytery) and Linda Bullock (New Brunswick) Corresponding Members for this meeting.
4. The Moderator introduced the Amendment Books and explained the schedule for voting on these amendments over the next few months. In November the presbytery will vote on the ecumenical statements. In January the presbytery will vote on all amendments except for "B." The presbytery plans to vote on Amendment B in March.
5. The Moderator also previewed the structure of this meeting, which will involve some movement between two buildings.

## **Stated Clerk.**

Paul F. Rack (Bethlehem), the Stated Clerk, presented his report which consisted of the Consent Agenda.

1. The distributed Docket for this meeting.
2. The Minutes of the 629<sup>th</sup> Stated Meeting.
3. Excuses were granted to the following presbyters: Ministers: Baier, Robinson, Greenwood White, J Cochran-Carney, Curtis, Norman, Wildrick, Macari, Kitsko, Jahnke, Anderson-Domer, Wetzel, Havrilla, Bell, Weaver, Paul, Presa, Hofstra, Chamis, Ney, Jones, Illian, Bryant, McCormick, R Foltz-Morrison, Forbes, Rumengan, Campbell, Hrynyk, Verser; and Elders: Kurowsky (Avenel), Stauffer (Iselin), Schachter (Linden), Rathjens (Springfield), Tangowski (Townely), Miller (Osceola), Paddon (Liberty Corner).
4. A report indicating that the session records of the Rahway First, Mountainside, Garwood, Christ, and Watchung Avenue churches have been reviewed and approved.
5. The (unapproved) Minutes of the Council meeting held on October 14, 2008. (See Appendix I.)

6. The report of the Treasurer of Presbytery. (See Appendix II.)
7. Permitting a “small church nominating committee” and three-year waiver of session term limits, as per G-14.0226b. & c., for Christ church.
8. Administrative Commission Reports
  - a. First Elizabeth (See Appendix III.)
  - b. Lord of Hope (no report)
  - c. Greystone (no report)
  - d. Ordination of Diane Ruffle (Basking Ridge), on October 12, 2008, at Basking Ridge. (See Appendix IV.)
9. Received report of 2008 Compensation Report for Non-Ordained Personnel (See Appendix V.).

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

**Committee on Ministry.**

Robert Martin (Crescent Avenue), chair, presented the report of the Committee on Ministry.

1. The presbytery examined for membership Roberta R. Arrowsmith (Philadelphia Presbytery), who is the candidate for Pastor at the Connecticut Farms church. She was extended the call at a congregational meeting on October 19, 2008. The presbytery **VOTED** to enroll Roberta as a minister-member, and to approve the following terms-of-call:

Salary	\$42,000	
Manse/Housing Allowance	\$18,000	
<b>Total Effective Salary</b>		<b>\$60,000</b>
Pension & Medical	\$18,900	(31.5% of TES)
Utilities	\$4,675	
Social Security Supplement	\$4,590	
Travel & Ministry Allowance	\$2,500	
Continuing Education Allowance	\$1,700	
Moving Expenses	\$2,000	
Continuing Education Leave	Two weeks	
Vacation	One Month	
<b>Total Compensation</b>		<b>\$94,365</b>

2. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the 2009 minimum terms of call. (Appendix VI.)
3. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the 2008 actual terms of call for pastors serving churches. (Appendix VII.)
4. One Triennial Visit has been completed by the committee, with the Garwood church.
5. The presbytery **VOTED** to concur with the recommendation of the COM that the status of Honorably Retired be granted to Patricia Briegs (MaL), effective October 1, 2008.

**Prayer Interlude.**

The presbytery took ten minutes for prayer interlude led by Susan Rack.

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry.**

Gregory Horn (Cranford), chair, presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

1. He announced that a Final Assessment has been passed by Young Jin Park (Elizabeth Korean). Young is now certified to receive a call and be ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.

2. He announced that a Final Assessment has been passed by Donald B. Wahlig (Central). Donald is now certified to receive a call and be ordained to the ministry of Word and Sacrament.
3. He then brought forward Claire Colcord (Central) to be examined for advancement to candidate status. Claire read her statement of her sense of call and responded to questions from the presbytery. The presbytery then **VOTED** to enroll Claire as a Candidate under care of this presbytery.

The Moderator asked Claire the Baptismal Questions and a question concerning her candidacy, and Greg offered a prayer with her and members of the Central church.

### **Consultation Hour - Worship and Theology Team**

Susan Joseph Rack (Christ) introduced the Consultation Hour. As part of our presbytery's preparation for discussion and vote on the amendments coming from the General Assembly. This second part is called a "ladder of inference." It is a way for us to examine our assumptions, preconceptions, judgments, thought processes, and conclusions. The presbytery separated into several small groups for this purpose. (See Appendix VIII.)

The presbytery broke for **Lunch** in the Parish House. Announcements were made during lunch.

### **Global Peacemaking Committee.**

Branwen Cook (Rahway First) presented the report of the Global Peacemaking Committee, which consisted of several presentations from efforts or agencies we support.

1. Michael Granzen (Elizabeth Second) introduced a presentation by Pascal Rasoanilana on working with immigrants from Madagascar, which included a visit to his church by the President of that country.
2. Robert Martin (Crescent Avenue) spoke of a trip to the Cameroon and ministry to immigrants in Plainfield from that country.
3. Lawrence Finn (MaL) introduced a presentation concerning an agency that trains young people to repair computers in Elizabeth.
4. Mark Fleder and Noel Arboleda (Westfield) reported on a mission trip to an extremely poor region of Guatemala.
5. Greg Horn (Cranford) reflected on his church's involvement with ministries in Brazil.
6. Branwen Cook (Rahway First) spoke on her involvement with craftspeople in the occupied territories on Palestine. Some of these crafts were available for view and sale at the meeting.

### **2:00 Adjourn.**

The presbytery **VOTED** to adjourn at exactly 2 pm (EDT).

Attest:

Paul F. Rack  
Stated Clerk