

The Presbytery of Elizabeth
 Presbyterian Church (USA)
638th Stated Meeting
January 23 MMX
Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church
North Plainfield, NJ

Attendance.

Congregation	Minister		Elder	
Avenel (2)	Jason Tucker	P	Charles Kurowsky Kathleen Steurtz	A P
Basking Ridge (4)	Dennis Jones William O Culton (TS)	P P	Dorothy Dameo Jim Felter John Hoare Ken Warman	P P P P
Bedminster, Lamington (2)	Matthew Davis [Vacant (A)]	A		A A
Berkeley Heights, Westminster (2)	J Cochran-Carney (D)	E	Eugene Daniel	A
Bernardsville (2)	Chester Kim	A	Phyllis Anderson	A
Carteret (2)	Rachel S. Stahle (D)	P	Alicia Toke Charlotte Toke	P P
Clark, Osceola (2)	John Naugle		Jean Rudyk	P
Clinton (2)	[Vacant (P)] Becci Curtis (A)	A	Lisa Lumaro	P
Cranford (3)	Diane Curtis (I) Valencia Norman (A)	E P	Jeffrey Brown Doug Tanguy Arthur Winter, Jr.	P P P
Dunellen, First (2)	Jeff Hayes Wildrick Silvio del Campo (E)	P P	Suzanne Geiger Lisa Wanhouse	P P
Edison, Community	Kenneth Macari	P	Bob Siepmann	P
Edison, Lord of Hope	Chang Woo Lee	A		A
Edison, Oak Tree	Jill Hedlund Kitsko (D)	P		A
Elizabeth, First	Robert Higgs (D)	E		A
Elizabeth, Second	Michael Granzen	P	Linwood Bagby	A
Elizabeth, Third-Westminster	Frank K Muse (D)	P		A

Elizabeth, Korean	Jaeshin Soh Isaac Ahn (A)	A A		A
Elizabeth, Siloam-Hope	John Howard	E		A
Fanwood	David Jahnke E Anderson-Domer (TS)	P P	Sue Kelly	P
Fords, First	Douglas Kurtz (SS)	A		A
Garwood	Gary Wetzel	P		A
Hillside Millennium	Jupiaci Gomes	P		A
Iselin, First	James F. Thomas	P	Whitney Gilzean	P
Liberty Corner (3)	Donald Feuerbach Anne Havrilla (A)	P P	Tom Buccini Roy Christensen Grace Paddon	P P P
Linden	William Weaver	P	Cindy Attanasi	P
Linden, Calvin	Bebb Wheeler Stone (I)	E	Ann Peterson	P
Martinsville, Christ	Susan Joseph Rack	P	Jamie Breeding	P
Metuchen, First (2)	Samuel Massengill Curtis Lane Paul II (A)	P P	Phyllis Black	P A
Middlesex	Neal Presa	P	Ruth Mikalonis	P
Mountainside, Community	Chris Belden	P	Louise Sgarro	P
New Providence (2)	Jeffrey Ebert Michael Flavin (A) Ian Rankine (A)	P A P		P P
No. Plainfield, Watchung Ave.	Shannan Vance-Ocampo	P	Doug Boleyn	P
Perth Amboy, First	Peter Hofstra	P		A
Pittstown, Bethlehem (2)	Laurie Sponaugle	P	Alicia Tamilio	P A
Plainfield, Bethel (2)	Murv Gardiner (SS)	P		A A
Plainfield, Crescent Ave (2)	Robert Martin	P	Elizabeth McNish Joan Pivnichny	P P
Plainfield, United (2)	Victor Aloyo, Jr. (TS)	P	Avery Dawson Jonathan Williams	P P
Pluckemin (2)	Charles R. Sanders (I)	P	Martha Hayward Roe Patterson	P P
Rahway, First (2)	Douglas Grote (I)	P	Joanne Noblitt Al Shipley	P E
Rahway, Second (2)	Douglas Muller	P	Dana Marsh	A A
Roselle, First (2)	Karen Chamis	P	Richard Bennett	P A

Scotch Plains, Willow Grove (2)	C Cochran-Carney	P	Jon Finne Maryjane Finne	P P
Springfield, First (2)	Victoria M. Ney	P	Don Rathjens	P A
Summit, Central (3)	Philip Jones John Illian (A) [Vacant (A)]	E P	Christine Bennett Maggie Chilton	P P A
Union, Connecticut Farms (2)	Roberta Arrowsmith	P		A
Warren, Trinity United (2)	Elsie A. Rhodes	P	Cyndi Reems	A
Westfield (5)	Raymond Roberts Mike Samson (A) [Vacant (A)]	E P	H. David Rogers Lisa Walker	P P A A A
Woodbridge, First (2)	Robert Boyar	P	Theresa Loder	P A

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

Erika Beer-Gerhard (E Stroudsburg PC, Lehigh Valley Presbytery)	E
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 (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
Dierdre Greenwood White (Annisquam Village Ch, Gloucester, MA)	E
Kathryn Henry (Peapack Reformed Church, Gladstone, NJ)	P
Linda Hora (NJ Veterans' Memorial Home, Edison, NJ)	P
Jennifer T. Hrynyk (Community Congregational Ch, Short Hills, NJ)	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
Mark Smith, U.S. Navy Chaplain (New Jersey)	A

Ministers at Large (G-11.0406b)

Charles H. Baier	P
Jennifer Butler (Washington DC)	E
Bradley Crump (New York)	E

Robert Davis (Florida)	E
Birda Ferguson	E
Lawrence Finn III	A
Leslie Foltz-Morrison	P
Fernando Jensen (Florida)	E
Christina McCormick (Georgia)	E
Jeff Neufeld (Georgia)	E
John Oh (Florida)	E
Joseph Yoon	A

Retired Ministers

Helen Beglin	E
Robert Beringer	E
Frederick Black	P
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	P
Winter Lantz (North Carolina)	E
Abraham Luckhoff (Georgia)	E
Charles Maxell (Michigan)	E
John Millar (Manitoba Canada)	E
Hibbert Moss	E
Corina Rodriguez (Oklahoma)	P
Bruce Schundler	E
S. Lorenzo Shannon (Virginia)	E
Timothy J.J. Shu	E

Joyce Stedje-Fowler	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	P
Warren Braunwarth (Central), Member at Large	P
Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster), Nominating	P
George Curtis (Basking Ridge), Personnel	A
Susan C. Gieser (Westminster), Council Chair	P
Brenda Johnson (Siloam-Hope), COR	E
Susan K. Krivenko (Rahway, First), Vice-Moderator	P
Helen Mosley (Siloam-Hope), EDU	E
Gerard Nelson (Liberty Corner), Trustees	P
Jack Paddon (Liberty Corner), OSCU	P
Judith Wussler (Fanwood), Synod of the NE Representative	P

Elders Who Have Served as Moderator

Eunice Baer (Woodbridge)	E
John Cavicchia (Fanwood)	A
Maggie Chilton (Central) (see Summit, Central)	--
Alan Ford (Bethlehem)	P
Barbara McLaughlan (Westfield)	P
Bonnie Ruggiero (Willow Grove)	P
Michael Young (Bethlehem)	A

Corresponding & Temporary Members

Rev. Gregory F. Albert, Presbytery of New Brunswick	P
Rev. Victor Aloyo, Jr. (Plainfield, United & Neuvias Fronteras) Presbytery of New York City	P
Rev. Philip R. Gehman (Board of Pensions, PCUSA), Salem Presbytery	P

Minutes.

Call to Order.

The 638th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Elizabeth was held on Saturday, January 23, 2010, at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, in North Plainfield, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 9:07 am (EST), and opened with a song ("Thank you, Lord"), a Psalm, and a prayer by Howard Bryant (HR), the Moderator of Presbytery.

A quorum was present.

1. The Moderator introduced the Host Pastor, Shannan Vance-Ocampo (Watchung Avenue), who welcomed the presbytery, and introduced the facility. She talked some about the history of the church and its present mission in the community. She also mentioned some details about the upcoming workshops in this meeting.
2. First time Commissioners were introduced from the Linden, Woodbridge, Pluckemin, and Avenel churches.
3. The presbytery **VOTED** to seat Phil Gehman (Salem), and Greg Albert (New Brunswick) as Corresponding Members for this meeting.

Moderator.

Howard Bryant, the Moderator of Presbytery, presented his report. (See Appendix I.) He is visiting and worshipping with congregations in the presbytery, finding a sense of being one together, bearing each others burdens and celebrating together in service of Jesus Christ.

The Moderator also presented a commemoration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., whose 81st birthday we celebrate this year. (See Appendix II.)

Stated Clerk.

Paul F. Rack (MaL), the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, presented the following Consent Agenda:

1. The distributed Docket for this meeting, with announced changes.
2. The Minutes of the 637th Stated Meeting, with changes.
3. The following excuses, collected at the meeting: Ministers: J Cochran-Carney, D Curtis, Higgs, Howard, Stone, P Jones, Roberts, Campbell, Hrynyk; and Elders: Tidd (Siloam-Hope), Shipley (Rahway, First), Johnson (Siloam-Hope), Mosley (Siloam-Hope), and Baer.
4. The Minutes of the Council from December 8, 2009 and the Special Meeting of January 13, 2010. (See Appendix III & IV.)
5. The Treasurer's Report. (See Appendix V.)
6. Trustees
Changes in Elizabethport Center By-laws, Second Reading. (See Appendix VI.)
7. Committee on Preparation for Ministry.
 - a. Candidate Claire Colcord (Central) has passed her Final Assessment.

- b. Annual Roll of Inquirers and Candidates (See Appendix VII.)
8. Annual Roll of Ministers of Word and Sacrament (See Appendix VIII.)
9. Approval of requests from churches to pay per capita by installment:
Siloam-Hope, Pluckemin, Lamington, Linden, Westminster, Westfield.
10. Grant permission for Elder Debbie West (Liberty Corner) to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at a youth retreat.

Recognition of PCUSA Administrative Personnel Association Certification.

The Moderator introduced Shannan Vance-Ocampo who presented several members of the Administrative Personnel Association present, especially Sara Burke (Westfield), Sue Harmon (Metuchen), and Ingrid Hammond (Metuchen), who are being recognized for special achievements. Other members of the APA present were Merry Matlock (Metuchen), Ruth Mikalonis (Middlesex) and Sylvia Woodfield (Centenary Methodist Church, Metuchen), who served this presbytery for 32 years. They responded to the Constitutional Questions, and the Moderator offered a prayer. The presbytery expressed its appreciation for their contributions by extended applause.

Global Mission and Peacemaking Committee.

Elmer Talcott (HR) presented the report of the Global Mission and Peacemaking Committee. He reflected on the words of Dr. King we just heard. Then he read the list of churches in our presbytery that received the Peacemaking Offering, and noted that it is an alarmingly short one. He encouraged our churches to increase their participation in peacemaking, including the Peacemaking Offering. Then he mentioned some of the things the Global Mission and Peacemaking Committee is involved in. "Every church needs to have at least one person who is passionate about peace." The committee would like the names of these people as a way of maintaining contact with the churches for education and commitment. He then offered a prayer.

Self-Development of People Committee.

Doug Grote (Rahway First), chair, presented the report of the Self-Development of People Committee. He explained the goals of the committee, which is to enable people around the world to do good for themselves. He introduced Jackie Jenkins, of the Morningstar Christian Ministry Association, who talked about Community in Action for Life Skills, an agency working to change lives in our area. She referenced the life and values of Dr. King and how this agency reflects and expresses them.

Representative from the Board of Pensions.

Phil Gehman (Salem Presbytery) reported from the Board of Pensions. He said 2009 was a good year for the Board. (The Board continues to monitor the negotiations in Congress concerning health care reform, which will not take effect in any case until 2013.) Some changes in the medical plan went into effect on January 1, 2010, which he described. "Active Health" is now the management provider, instead of "Care Allies." The Board is excited about some of the new things available from this new provider, including more consistent and organized personal care.

He talked about resources available to members, mainly at www.pensions.org. There is a "tax resource center," and other tax assistance. There is a pre-retirement seminar to be held at Princeton Seminary in March. There is financial planning advice available as well. And this is just a small part of what the Board provides.

Fidelity will be adding a new fee to some of their accounts, which he apologized for but has no control over.

He finally offered a memorial for Bill Forbes, a member of this presbytery who died last year and who was Phil's boss at the Board.

Nominating Committee.

Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster), chair, presented the report of the Nominating Committee.

1. She placed in nomination the following names for positions in the presbytery:

Moderator of Presbytery

Elder Susan Krivenko (Rahway First) 2012

Vice-Moderator of Presbytery

Rev. Bebb Wheeler Stone (Calvin) 2012

Education and Discipleship Unit

Rev. Shelley Gardner (Woodbridge) 2011

Elder Glory Thomas (Iselin)

Elder Christine Treger (Westfield) 2011

Financial Development Committee

Rev. David Krotchko (HR) 2011

There being no nominations from the floor, the presbytery **VOTED** to elect these presbyters to their respective positions.

2. She then placed in nomination the following names for commissioner to the 219th General Assembly, in Minneapolis, MN:

Minister Commissioners

Karen Chamis (Roselle)

Charles Hale (HR)

Alternate:

Susan Rack (Christ)

Elder Commissioners

Wanda Sizemore-McRae (Siloam-Hope)

Arthur (Skip) Winter (Cranford)

Alternate:

John W. (Jack) Paddon (Liberty Corner)

The presbytery **VOTED** by written ballot to elect these presbyters to serve as commissioners to General Assembly. (For the complete vote tally please see Appendix IX.)

The presbytery **VOTED** to include in future votes a brief statement from each nominee for commissioner to General Assembly, stating their sense of call to serve in this way.

Informational Workshops.

The presbytery then broke for two sessions of Informational Workshops. These workshops included:

- “Education Elucidation” by Shannan Vance-Ocampo
- “Financial Literacy” by Dave Bomgaars and Bruce Pereyra
- “Fusion Not Confusion” by Jeffrey Wildrick
- “OSCU Update” by Jack Paddon and Skip Winter
- “Small Group Ministry” by Ian Rankine

The Presbytery at Worship

The presbytery gathered in the Sanctuary for worship which included a sermon by Victor Aloyo (United/*Nuevas Fronteras*) and a wonderful (and wet) Renewal of Baptism rite.

Education and Discipleship Unit.

After lunch, Alicia Tamlilo (Bethlehem) presented the report of the Education and Discipleship Unit. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve Christine Treger (Westfield) as our presbytery's POINT (Presbyterians Organized In Nurture and Training) person. Christine explained what a POINT person is, and went on to talk about the current efforts of the unit. She noted that each church has received a gift from the unit of books for church school teachers. April 17 will feature an educational event at United church in Plainfield with workshops on various topics of interest in the local church. Christine will be formally commissioned as POINT person at the March meeting of presbytery.

Financial Development Committee.

1. Peter Hofstra (Perth Amboy), chair, presented the report of the Financial Development Committee. We spend \$3.50 on operations for every dollar we spend on mission. He noted that even though there is a large per capita increase, it represents not much of an increase in the total budget. \$79K will have to be granted from the mission side to the operating side to pay for the new Interim Executive. It would take another \$5 increase in the per capita to make the IEP costs covered by the operating side. The presbytery **VOTED** to adopt this budget as presented.

In response to a question, Peter noted that the specific amounts of Outreach and Social Concerns grants would come back to presbytery for approval as these amounts are determined. The same procedure will be followed for other units as well.

2. Peter then moved a change in the Administrative Manual of the presbytery, which would change the name of the Financial Development Committee to the "Stewardship Committee," for a First Reading. The steward imagery and language is more biblical and more descriptive of what we are about as a presbytery.
3. Finally, Peter read from Scripture, gave some words of exhortation, and oversaw the dedication of 2010 Mission Pledges from churches which were delivered to the chancel by representatives from the churches. He offered a prayer of blessing.

Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee.

Karen Chamis (Roselle), co-chair, presented the report of the Interim Executive Search Committee. The committee worked hard, met regularly, and listened for the voice of the Holy Spirit. They were eventually led to Greg Albert, currently the Associate Executive of our neighboring Presbytery of New Brunswick. She introduced Greg and the other members of the Interim Executive Presbytery Search Committee.

Greg gave words of personal introduction on his background and hopes for this time with us. He expressed gratitude for what God is doing in bringing us together. His statement of faith was made available to the presbytery, and he responded to questions from the presbytery.

The Full Time Terms of the Interim Covenant for the Interim Executive Presbyter were **APPROVED** effective February 1, 2010 through January 31, 2011 as follows:

<u>Terms of Compensation</u>			
Salary		\$45,000	
Housing (Manse)		\$35,000	
Total Effective Salary			\$80,000
Pension, Medical, Death, & Disability		\$25,200	
Total Compensation			\$105,200

Travel & Mileage Expenses*	\$2,500	
Professional Expenses*	\$5,000	
Continuing Education Allowance*	\$2,500	
Total Cost to Presbytery		\$115,200
Vacation	One Month	
Continuing Education Leave	Two weeks	

(AA/EEO guidelines were followed)

* Accountable reimbursable expenses may be amended by Council.

Committee on Ministry.

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

1. He first re-presented Gregory Albert (New Brunswick Presbytery), candidate for Interim Executive Presbyter. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Interim Executive Covenant as presented and to receive Greg Albert as a member of Elizabeth Presbytery.

The presbytery **VOTED** to dissolve the Interim Executive Search Committee with gratitude and lots of celebratory and metaphorical smoke.

2. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Administrative Commission to install Dennis W. Jones (Basking Ridge) as Pastor at the Basking Ridge church on January 2, 2010, at 4:00 pm at the Basking Ridge church.

Elder Susie Krivenko (Rahway First), Vice-Moderator of Presbytery
 Elder Amy Melik (Basking Ridge)
 Elder Cam Witt (Liberty Corner)
 Rev. Robert Beringer (HR)
 Rev. William O. Culton (Basking Ridge)
 Rev. Maureen Paterson (MaL)
 Rev. Ian Rankine (New Providence)

3. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Administrative Commission to install Frank K. Muse (Third-Westminster) as Designated Pastor at the Third-Westminster church, on January 17, 2010, at 3:30 pm, at the Third-Westminster church.

Rev. Howard Bryant (HR), Moderator of Presbytery
 Rev. Lawrence Finn III (MaL)
 Rev. John Howard, Jr. (Siloam-Hope)
 Elder Sue Gieser (Westminster)
 Elder Helen Mosley (Siloam-Hope)
 Elder Margaret Robinson (Third-Westminster)

4. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the following Administrative Commission to install JaeShin Soh Elizabeth Korean) as Pastor at the Elizabeth Korean church, on March 14, 2010, at 3:00 pm, at the Elizabeth Korean church.

Rev. Howard Bryant (HR), Moderator of Presbytery
 Rev. Robert Martin (Crescent Avenue)
 Rev. James F. Thomas (Iselin)
 Elder Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster)
 Elder Pascal Rasoanilana (Elizabeth Second)
 Elder Chun Mo Yang (Elizabeth Korean)

5. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Shelley Gardner (Fanwood) to the Ministry of Word and Sacrament, and install her as Associate Pastor at the Woodbridge church, on February 1, 2020, at 4:00 pm, at the Woodbridge church.

Rev. Howard Bryant (HR), Moderator of Presbytery
 Rev. Paul F. Rack (MaL), Stated Clerk of Presbytery
 Rev. Robert Boyar (Woodbridge)
 Rev. Chester Kim (Bernardsville)

Elder Eleanor Kramps (Fanwood)
 Elder Helen Mosley (Siloam-Hope)
 Elder Marilyn Stephan (Woodbridge)

6. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the following Administrative Commission, to install Laurie Sponaugle (Bethlehem) as Pastor of the Bethlehem church, on March 7, 2010 at 4:00 pm, at the Bethlehem church.

Elder Susie Krivenko (Rahway First), Vice-Moderator of Presbytery
 Elder Sal LaLama (Pluckemin)
 Elder Norma Eichlin (Bethlehem)
 Rev. Matthew Davis (Lamington)
 Rev. Chester Kim (Bernardsville)
 Rev. Bebb Wheeler Stone (Calvin)

7. Rob announced that Triennial Visits with the following churches were completed by the Committee on Ministry for 2009: Basking Ridge, Berkeley Heights, Clinton, Dunellen, Iselin, Roselle, Springfield, and Middlesex.
8. The presbytery **VOTED** to receive as minister-member Victor Aloyo (United/*Nuevas Fronteras*) from NYC Presbytery. (Victor was examined in 2006 when he was granted permission to work in our bounds.)
9. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the transfer Birda Ferguson (MaL) to Newton Presbytery, where she has taken a call as Pastor at the church in Hackettstown.
10. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the Parish Associate Covenant between the Basking Ridge church and Robert Beringer (HR).
11. The committee also reported the following actions concluded by the authority given to it by the presbytery under G-11.0502h:

- a. Approved the request of the Liberty Corner church to call Donald E. Feuerbach (Mid-South Presbytery) as Pastor, effective January 17, 2010, examining and approving him for presbytery membership. A congregational meeting was held on December 6, 2009, moderated by the Reverend Charles Hale, Jr. (HR).

<u>Terms of Call</u>		
Salary	\$87,500	
Housing (Manse)	\$32,500	
Medical Reimbursement	\$2,500	
Total Effective Salary		\$131,072
Pension, Medical, Death, & Disability	\$37,259*	
Transitional Housing Allowance	\$12,000	
Supplemental Death/Disability	\$90	
Optional Dental Coverage	\$1,217	
Total Compensation		\$181,638
Minister's Expenses	\$4,000	
Continuing Education Allowance	\$2,000	
Total Cost to Church		\$188,131
Vacation	Four weeks	
Continuing Education Leave	Two weeks	
Transition Payment	\$15,000	
Moving Expense	\$25,000	

(AA/EEO guidelines were followed)
 *see BOP guidelines for compensation in excess of \$100,000.00
 the BOP figure of \$37,259 is 28,426% of the \$131,072 (TES)

- b. Approved the request of the Presbytery of Milwaukee to transfer Karen Harrison (MaL) to them, effective July 12, 2009.

12. The committee also reported the following actions:
 - a. Approved the Church Information Form for the Pluckemin church.
 - b. Approved the request of the Interim Executive Presbyter Search Committee to review the Covenant with Gregory Albert (New Brunswick Presbytery) as Interim Executive Presbyter, effective February 1, 2010.
 - c. Approved the Church Information Form for the position of Associate Pastor for Youth at the Westfield church.
13. Rob also introduced two new Pastors in our midst, now attending their first presbytery meetings, Chip Sanders (Pluckemin) and Don Feuerbach (Liberty Corner). Members of the Liberty Corner church came forward with Don for a prayer.

Proposed Overture to the General Assembly.

Alicia Toke (Carteret) presented a proposed overture to the 219th General Assembly which would add the category "abilities/disabilities" to the wording of W-2.3005. The overture was **DEFEATED**.

The presbytery **VOTED** to refer this overture to the Bills and Overtures Committee, in consultation with the Committee on Representation, and the Worship and Theology Team, with thanks and commendation to Alicia for bringing this to the presbytery's attention. The goal is to have it ready for the 2012 General Assembly.

First Elizabeth Administrative Commission.

Jeffrey Brown (Cranford) reported from the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Elizabeth. The commission met with various individual, groups, and interests, in an effort to resolve some of the discord that had existed at the church. There is now more unity in the church. The presbytery **VOTED** to dismiss the commission with thanks for their hard work. (See Appendix X.)

Adjourn.

The presbytery **VOTED** to adjourn, with prayer by the moderator, at 3:22 pm (EST).

Attest:

Paul F. Rack
Stated Clerk