

The Presbytery of Elizabeth

Presbyterian Church (USA)

640th Stated Meeting

May 25 MMX

First Presbyterian Church

Perth Amboy, NJ

Attendance.

| Congregation | Minister | | Elder | |
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| Avenel (2) | Jason Tucker | P | Charles Kurowsky | P A |
| Basking Ridge (4) | Dennis Jones William O Culton (TS) | P P | John Hoare Claire Pratt Craig Sutherland Cindy Vandervoort | P P P P |
| Bedminster, Lamington (2) | Matthew Davis [Vacant (A)] | P | | A A |
| Berkeley Heights, Westminster (2) | J Cochran-Carney (D) | P | | A A |
| Bernardsville (2) | Chester Kim | P | | A A |
| Carteret (2) | Rachel S. Stahle (D) | E | Alicia Toke Charlotte Toke | P P |
| Clark, Osceola (2) | John Naugle | P | Jean Rudyk | P A |
| Clinton (2) | Linda Robinson (I) Becci Curtis (A) | P E | Ino Sowder | P A |
| Cranford (3) | Diane Curtis (I) Valencia Norman (A) | P E | Betsy Koehler Arthur Winter, Jr. | P P A |
| Dunellen, First (2) | Jeff Hayes Wildrick Silvio del Campo (E) | A P | Edward W. Halteman | P A |
| Edison, Community | Kenneth Macari | P | Pat Meyer | 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 | Elizabeth Kertesz | P |
| Elizabeth, Second | Michael Granzen | E | Linwood Bagby | A |
| Elizabeth, Third-Westminster | Frank K Muse (D) | P | Ray Heller | P |

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| Elizabeth, Korean | Jaeshin Soh [Vacant (A)] | P -- | Gene Rhie | P A |
| Elizabeth, Siloam-Hope | John Howard | P | Tamar VanDerVeer | P |
| Fanwood | David Jahnke E Anderson-Domer (TS) | P E | Elizabeth Henderson | P |
| Fords, First | Douglas Kurtz (SS) | A | | A |
| Garwood | [Vacant (P)] | -- | | A |
| Hillside Millennium | Jupiaci Gomes | P | | A |
| Iselin, First | James F. Thomas | P | Betty Stauffer | P |
| Liberty Corner (3) | Donald Feuerbach Anne Havrilla (A) | E E | Don Mayer-Brown | P A A |
| Linden | William Weaver | P | Paul Wolfe | P |
| Linden, Calvin | Bebb Wheeler Stone (I) | P | George Vircik | P |
| Martinsville, Christ | Susan Joseph Rack | P | | A |
| Metuchen, First (2) | Samuel Massengill Curtis Lane Paul II (A) | E P | Sherry Lawrence | P A |
| Middlesex | Neal Presa | P | Ruth Mikalonis | P |
| Mountainside, Community | Chris Belden | P | Nicholas Bradshaw | P |
| New Providence (2) | Jeffrey Ebert Michael Flavin (A) Ian Rankine (A) | A A A | Michael Shao | P A |
| No. Plainfield, Watchung Ave. | Shannan Vance-Ocampo | P | Douglas Boleyn | P |
| Perth Amboy, First | Peter Hofstra | P | Susan Horvath | P |
| Pittstown, Bethlehem (2) | Laurie Sponaugle | E | Alicia Tamilio | P A |
| Plainfield, Bethel (2) | Murv Gardiner (SS) | P | Paul Broady | P A |
| Plainfield, Crescent Ave (2) | Robert Martin | P | Joan Pivnichny Emily Upton | P P |
| Plainfield, United (2) | Victor Aloyo, Jr. (TS) | A | Jonathan Williams | A A |
| Pluckemin (2) | Charles R. Sanders (I) | P | Gavin Millard | P A |
| Rahway, First (2) | Douglas Grote (I) | P | Joanne Noblitt Al Shipley | P E |
| Rahway, Second (2) | Douglas Muller | E | | A A |
| Roselle, First (2) | Karen Chamis | P | | A A |

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| Scotch Plains, Willow Grove (2) | C Cochran-Carney | P | Jon Finne Mary Jane Finne | P P |
| Springfield, First (2) | Victoria M. Ney | P | Don Rathjens | P A |
| Summit, Central (3) | [Vacant (P)] John Illian (A) [Vacant (A)] | -- P -- | Tom Badenoch Russell H. Hulsizer | P P A |
| Union, Connecticut Farms (2) | Roberta Arrowsmith | P | Dale W. Costleigh Frank Green | P P |
| Union, Townley (2) | Chris Taylor | E | Lois Tangowski | P A |
| Warren, Trinity United (2) | [Vacant (P)] | -- | Kay Hurd Lynn Merrill | P A |
| Westfield (5) | Raymond Roberts Mike Samson (A) [Vacant (A)] | P P | Lynn Adams Al Hein Gail Hein David Rogers Don Williams | P P P P P |
| Woodbridge, First (2) | Robert Boyar Shelley Gardner (A) | E P | Sal Amato Theresa Loder | P P |

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

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| 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) | A |
| Paul F. Rack, Stated Clerk (Presbytery of Elizabeth) | P |
| Mercy Rumengan, PA (Metuchen Indonesian Fellowship) | E |

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

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| 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) | A |
| Jennifer T. Hrynyk (Community Congregational Ch, Short Hills, NJ) | A |
| Dorothy Morris (Norwood Terrace, Plainfield, NJ) | E |
| Arthur Pace, U.S. Army Chaplain (Pennsylvania) | E |
| Janet Vane Pederson (Grace Healthcare Services, Edison, NJ) | A |
| Mark Smith, U.S. Navy Chaplain (New Jersey) | A |

Ministers at Large (G-11.0406b)

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| Isaac Ahn | A |
| Charles H. Baier | P |
| Jennifer Butler (Washington DC) | E |
| Bradley Crump (Queens, New York) | E |
| Robert Davis (Florida) | E |
| Lawrence Finn III | P |
| Leslie Foltz-Morrison | P |
| Fernando Jensen (Florida) | E |
| Christina McCormick (Georgia) | E |
| Jeff Neufeld (Georgia) | E |
| John Oh (California) | E |
| Gary Wetzel | P |
| Joseph Yoon | A |

Retired Ministers

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| 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 |

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| Corina Rodriguez (Oklahoma) | E |
| Bruce Schundler | E |
| S. Lorenzo Shannon (Virginia) | E |
| Timothy J.J. Shu | E |
| Joyce Stedje-Fowler | E |
| John Stephenson | E |
| John Talbot (Florida) | E |
| Elmer Talcott | E |
| W. Aldred Tisdale, Jr. (Connecticut) | E |
| James Verser | E |
| Je Sun Yoo | E |
| Edward Younken | E |

Elders Serving on Council

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| Amy Aaroe (Cranford, First), Presbyterian Women | A |
| Warren Braunwarth (Central), Member at Large | P |
| Betty Prezy Bryant (Third-Westminster), Nominating | P |
| George Curtis (Basking Ridge), Personnel | A |
| Susan C. Gieser (Westminster), Council Chair | P |
| Brenda Johnson (Siloam-Hope), COR | P |
| Susan K. Krivenko (Rahway, First), Vice-Moderator | P |
| Helen Mosley (Siloam-Hope), EDU | A |
| 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

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| John Cavicchia (Fanwood) | A |
| Maggie Chilton (Central) | P |
| Alan Ford (Bethlehem) | P |
| Barbara McLaughlan (Westfield) | P |
| Bonnie Ruggiero (Willow Grove) | A |
| Michael Young (Bethlehem) | A |

Corresponding & Temporary Members

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| Rev. Tara Spuhler McCabe, New York Avenue PC, National Capital Presbytery | P |
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Minutes.

Call to Order.

The 640th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Elizabeth was held on Tuesday, May 25, 2010, at the First Presbyterian Church, in Perth Amboy, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm (EDT), and opened with a song (“Open My Eyes That I May See”) and a prayer by Howard Bryant (HR), the Moderator of Presbytery. He shared a reading from the works of Howard Thurman on how hard it is to wait for the renewal of our strength.

A quorum was present.

1. The Moderator introduced the Host Pastor, Peter Hofstra (Perth Amboy), who welcomed the presbytery, spoke a little about the opportunities available in the city of Perth Amboy, and introduced the facility, and gave directions for departure, when the time comes. He also thanked the folks who provided the dessert.
2. First time Commissioners were introduced from the Siloam-Hope, Pluckemin, and New Providence churches.
3. The presbytery **VOTED** to seat Tara Spuhler-McCabe (National Capital Presbytery) as a Corresponding Member for this meeting.

Moderator.

Howard Bryant, the Moderator of Presbytery, presented his report

1. He updated the presbytery on his activities. He has been in 43 of our 50 churches, and has invitations for more.
2. Howard announced that he has appointed Rev. Christopher Belden (Mountainside), and Elders Paul Broady (Bethel), and Gerald Nelson (Liberty Corner) to the Administrative Commission working with the Central church, the last replacing Rev. Sam Massengill (Metuchen) who has resigned. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve these appointments.

Stated Clerk.

Paul F. Rack (Staff), the Stated Clerk of Presbytery, gave his report.

1. He presented the following Consent Agenda:
 - a. The distributed Docket for this meeting.
 - b. The distributed Minutes of the 639th Stated Meeting of the presbytery. (These Minutes were removed from the Consent Agenda at the request of a presbyter; see below.)
 - c. The following Excuses: Ministers Stahle, Norman, Granzen, Higgs, Anderson-Domer, Feuerbach, Havrilla, Sponaugle, Muller, Taylor, Boyar, Rumengan; and Elder Shipley (Rahway, First).
 - d. The appointment of Bebb Stone (Calvin) as this presbytery’s Overture Advocate to the 219th General Assembly.

- e. A grant of permission for Elder Don Mayer-Brown (Liberty Corner) to celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper on a youth retreat on July 3, 2010; requested by the Liberty Corner session.
- f. The annual reporting of the roster of current and former members of the Permanent Judicial Commission, as required by D-5.0206b

| PERMANENT JUDICIAL COMMISSION | | | | | |
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| Title | First Name | Last Name | Church | Class | Term |
| Elder | Margaret | Chilton, Chair | Summit, Central | 2012 | 1 |
| Elder | Ruth | Endicott | Metuchen, First | 2012 | 1 |
| Elder | Helen | Mosley | Elizabeth, Siloam-Hope | 2010 | 1 |
| Elder | Frederick | Paine | Bedminster, Lamington | 2010 | 1 |
| Rev. | Neal D. | Presa, Clerk | Middlesex | 2012 | 1 |
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| | | VACANT | | 2014 | |
| Rev. | Paul | Rack, Ex Officio | Presbytery Stated Clerk | 2012 | |
| Rev. | Valencia | Norman, Alternate | Cranford, First | 2012 | Alt |

FORMER members of the Permanent Judicial Commission

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| Rev. | Helen | Beglin | Honorably Retired | 2008 | |
| Rev. | Robert | Beringer | Honorably Retired | 1996 | |
| Elder | Doreen | Coddington | Dunellen, First | 1992 | |
| Rev. | John | Dunlap | Honorably Retired | 1994 | |
| Elder | William | Eichling | Metuchen, First | 1990 | |
| Elder | Vivian | Eriksen | Linden | 1992 | |
| Rev. | Leonard T. | Grant, Ph.D. | Honorably Retired | 2008 | |
| Rev. | Deirdre | Greenwood White | Specialized Minister | 2008 | |
| Elder | Charles | Hoens, Jr. | Basking Ridge | 1998 | |
| Elder | A. Donald | McKenzie | Union, Connecticut Farms | 1993 | |
| Elder | Robert | O'Neill | Basking Ridge | 2006 | |
| Elder | Nina | Seaman | Edison, Oak Tree | 1992 | |
| Elder | Wanda | Sizemore-McRae | Elizabeth, Siloam-Hope | 2002 | |
| Rev. | John | Stephenson | Honorably Retired | 2004 | |
| Elder | Judith | Thompson | Pluckemin | 1994 | |
| Elder | Gwen | Wells | Edison, Oak Tree | 1992 | |
| Elder | Michael | Young | Pittstown, Bethlehem | 2000 | |

- g. Report from the Synod of the Northeast on the annual review of presbytery Minutes. On April 14-14, 2010, Stated Clerks from presbyteries of the Synod met to review presbytery Minutes. Elizabeth Presbytery received the following assessment:

Exceptions

- No report of session records review
- No report of Synod review of presbytery records
- No annual review of ministers not under presbytery jurisdiction
- No record of appointment of session Moderators.

Commendations

The Moderator's report at most meetings provides a good notice of what is happening in the presbytery beyond official actions. Reports of the Administrative Commissions show concern for timely action, but with concern for members and mission.

- h. The following Session minutes have been reviewed through 2009: Siloam-Hope, Pluckemin, Edison, Avenel, Linden, Iselin, Third-Westminster, and Rahway First. (Sessions and clerks are reminded that this annual review is mandatory (G-9.0407d(1)). The next and last planned review is scheduled for June 29, 2010, at 7:30, at the presbytery office.)
- i. Minister/Elder balance report, as required by G-11.0101b. (See Appendix I.)
- j. The report from the Stewardship Committee, for presbytery approval: (See Appendix II.)
 - (1) The finalized budget breakout for the Evangelism and Church Vitality Unit: \$2500.00 was approved at the March meeting of presbytery. This completes the budget for this unit.
 - (2) The finalized budget breakout for the Outreach and Social Concerns Unit: The OSCU brochure outlining each of the organizations to be funded and their mission is in the distributed packet for this meeting.

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

- 2. The presbytery **VOTED** to amend the Minutes of the 639th Stated Meeting (March 2010) as follows:
 - a. The name of Rev. Christopher Belden (Mountainside) should not be included in the Minutes as having been appointed to the Administrative Commission working with the Central church. That action did not occur until after the meeting.
 - b. Under the report of the Committee on Ministry, item number 8, following subsection e., in the summary of remarks give to presbytery by Phil Jones (Central), add, after the words "New Jersey," the following: "**Phil described some of the numerous challenges he faced within his first weeks at Central Presbyterian Church, including grieving for some beloved members of the congregation and a sexual harassment complaint, and,**" then, after the words, "he admitted that," the following, "**in spite of his confidence that his education, experience, and training would enable him to deal with those situations,**" continuing with the words "he 'could not rise.'"
- 3. A detailed and analytical roll of recent attendance at presbytery meetings was included in the distributed materials for this meeting. (See Appendix III.)

Council.

Sue Gieser (Westminster), chair, brought the report from the Council.

- 1. The presbytery **VOTED** to dissolve the New Church Development Commission, and delegate presbytery's functions in overseeing New Church Developments to the Evangelism and Church Vitality Unit, and grant that unit the authority to "act as a commission" of presbytery to discharge its responsibilities to grant permission to celebrate sacraments, but will not include the authority to charter the new congregation.
- 2. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the following motion: to reconstitute the Greystone Legacy Oversight Committee. The Committee will report to presbytery through Council, with membership to consist of no more than ten (10) members including two (2) members of the Hispanic community appointed by the chair of Council in consultation with the Moderator of Presbytery, and term limits to be determined by Council.
- 3. Sue also reported that the Council appointed itself as the Mission Study Team overseeing the mission study to be undertaken by the presbytery.

4. The Special Nominating Committee will report at the next presbytery meeting, presenting a slate of nominees for the Nominating Committee of presbytery.

Global Mission and Peacemaking Committee.

Chris Belden (Mountainside), chair, presented the report of the Global Mission and Peacemaking Committee, which was a detailed preview of issues coming to this summer's General Assembly.

Al Amatucci (Woodbridge) spoke of his good experience at a peacemaking convocation at Stony Point. Shannan Vance-Ocampo (Watchung Avenue) also reported on the convocation; many new people were in attendance. Accompaniment in Colombia, Israel-Palestine, peace with creation, and "Heeding God's Call" (on gun violence), and Afghanistan, were the five main issues addressed.

Bebb Stone (Calvin) talked descriptively about some of the work coming to the General Assembly concerning the Middle East. One overture calls for withdrawal of US troops and personnel from Iraq. Many initiatives have to do with the Israel-Palestine question, including questioning our denomination's investments with Caterpillar, Inc. Other overtures charge the State of Israel with committing the crime of apartheid, or call for prayer and a two-state solution. There is a large report from the Middle East Study Committee, affirming human rights in the area. The Middle East is a major topic at GA this summer.

The leaders of the denomination have also written a letter in response to the new law in Arizona which victimizes immigrants and people of Mexican descent. Bebb quoted the scriptural guidance we receive from Leviticus 19:33-34 on immigrants.

Chris observed that the US culture likes to take opposite poles, which seeps even down into a presbytery meeting. He invited the presbytery to two "salons" for civil conversation: June 10 and June 30, at Watchung Avenue church, with food. The speakers will be Framke (Newark Presbytery) on Palestinian issues, at the former gathering, and Rabbi Lynn Gottlieb (Community of Living Traditions at Stony Point Center, NY) on the Israeli perspective, at the latter. This is a pilot initiative and it may become a model for addressing other issues in the future.

Finally, he reminded the presbytery that now is the time to order Peacemaking Offering materials!

The Presbytery at Worship.

Greg Albert (Interim Executive Presbyter) preached at a worship service with music from the ecumenical community in Taizé, southern France.

Global Mission and Peacemaking Committee (continued).

Chris Belden continued the report of the Peacemaking and Global Mission Committee, by introducing Rev. Toby Sanders, of the Beloved Community, in New Brunswick, NJ, who is an organizer of the "ReVive!" event happening next month in Trenton. He talked about busting out of the walls of Hell around us.

Interim Executive Presbyter.

Greg Albert (staff) presented his report as Interim Executive Presbyter. He distributed the feedback/visions given by presbyters at the last presbytery meeting. And he gave an overview of how he expects his time with us to go, quarter by quarter, until the fall of 2012, a three year process. It is normal for presbyteries to take 2-3 years to reorganize and be ready for new leadership. He has been very impressed and excited by the vitality in the presbytery; there is good energy and good leadership abilities; and good commitments. This presbytery is a great place to be; some churches doing some creative things. He sees discrepancies between how money is spent and what the presbytery says is important. He is concerned about struggling churches that have a question mark about their future.

Presentation on Alcoholics Anonymous.

Al Hein (Westfield) gave a heartfelt and informative presentation on the Alcoholics Anonymous program, "God's gift to the 20th century." He reviewed "The Big Book" which outlines the 12 steps upon which the program is based, and spoke from a personal perspective of the healing and grace he has received through this program.

Evangelism and Church Vitality Unit.

Lawrence Finn, III (MaL), chair, gave the report of the Evangelism and Church Vitality Unit, which consisted of a video presentation called "Deep and Wide," about a ministry to young skateboarders by a Presbyterian church in Guthrie, OK.

The Administrative Commission for the Central Church.

Diane Curtis (Cranford), co-chair, brought a status report from the Administrative Commission working with the Central church.

1. They secured Charles Baier as an Interim "First Response" Pastor for the Central church. Diane explained this new kind of ministry; Charles is one of two pastors in our presbytery trained in First Response Interim Ministry. His job is to get things somewhat stabilized so the church can move forward. She also presented the terms of his covenant. (See the report of the Committee on Ministry, below.)
2. The Commission has also had to secure legal counsel for their work.

Stewardship Committee.

Peter Hofstra (Perth Amboy), chair, presented the report of the Stewardship Committee. The presbytery **VOTED** to add \$14,000 for *Nuevas Fronteras* to the presbytery mission budget. This is presbytery's committed portion of the funding for this fellowship. (See Appendix II.)

Memorial Moment for Rev. Henry Heaps

Ned Haltemann (Dunellen) gave a eulogy for Henry Heaps. Henry was Pastor-Emeritus of the Dunellen church, where he served from 1960-1990. (see Appendix IV.)

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

Nominating Committee.

Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster), chair, presented the report of the Nominating Committee. There being no nominations from the floor, the presbytery **VOTED** to elect the following presbyters to positions in the presbytery:

Committee on Ministry

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| Rev. James Thomas (Iselin) | 2011 (Term I), chair |
| Rev. Robert Beringer (HR) | 2013 (Term I) |
| Elder Karen Cokewood (Basking Ridge) | 2013 (Term I) |
| Elder Jon Finne (Willow Grove) | 2013 (Term I) |
| Elder Claudia Heffner (Westfield) | 2013 (Term I) |
| Elder Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster) | 2013 (Term II) |
| Elder Alan Ford (Bethlehem) | 2013 (Term II) |

Trustees of Presbytery

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| Elder H. David Rogers (Westfield) | 2012 (Term I), president |
| Rev. Diane Curtis (Cranford) | 2013 (Term I) |
| Elder Margaret Robinson (Third-Westminster) | 2013 (Term I) |

Commissioner to the Synod of the Northeast

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| Elder Helen Mosley (Siloam-Hope) | 2013 |
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Presbytery Council

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| Elder Jack Paddon (Liberty Corner) | 2012 (Term I), Member-at-Large |
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Rev. Cynthia Cochran-Carney (Willow Grove) 2013 (Term I), Member-at-Large

Bills and Overtures Committee

Rev. Charles Hale (HR) 2013 (Term I)
Elder Jack Paddon (Liberty Corner) 2013 (Term I)

Permanent Judicial Commission

Rev. Howard Bryant (HR) 2014
Rev. Frank Muse (Third-Westminster) 2014

Elizabethport Presbyterian Center Board

Mark Washburn (Central)

Betty also announced the following additional appointments of chairs:

Outreach and Social Concerns Unit

Elder Arthur Winter (Cranford) 2012 (Term II), chair

Education and Discipleship Unit

Elder Alicia Tamilio (Bethlehem) 2012 (Term I), chair

Evangelism and Church Vitality Unit

Rev. Jill Hedlund Kitsko (Oak Tree) 2011 (Term I), chair

Personnel Committee

Elder Janet Bentley (Basking Ridge) 2011 (Term I), chair

Finally, Betty made it clear that the presbytery structure remains woefully under-personed. The following committees/units need people to serve:

The Committee on Ministry needs 18 more people (6 for 2011; 4 for 2012; 8 for 2013).
The Trustees need 3 more people (1 for 2011 and 2 for 2013).
The Bills and Overtures Committee needs 2 more people (for 2013).
The Permanent Judicial Commission needs 6 more people (3 for 2014 and 3 for 2016).

Committee on Ministry

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

1. He introduced Nancy Munshour Asbury (Hudson River Presbytery). The presbytery, after an examination, **VOTED** to enroll her as a minister-member of this presbytery, and validate her ministry as Executive Director of Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity. Rob prayed with her.
2. He announced that Chuck Hale was appointed Moderator of Session at the Trinity United church.
3. He announced that the following Triennial Visits completed by members of the committee: Osceola on January 4; Willow Grove on May 4; and Carteret on May 18.
4. The presbytery **VOTED** to dismiss Rebecca Curtis (Clinton) to the Olympia Presbytery. A meeting of the Clinton congregation asking for this action was held on May 24, 2010, moderated by Linda Robinson (Clinton).
5. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the request of Central Florida Presbytery to transfer to them Fernando Jensen (MaL), effective March 6, 2010.
6. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve the 2010 Compensation Report for Ordained Personnel Serving Churches. (See Appendix V.) (Changes in Terms of Call not reported to and approved by the presbytery are technically invalid; not reporting them could have a bearing on a minister's future pension.)
7. The Committee on Ministry reported to the presbytery the following action it has completed under the authority given to it by the presbytery under G-11.0502h:

The committee concurred with the request of the Administrative Commission working with the Central church to enter into an Interim Pastor [First Response] Covenant with Charles Baier (MaL), effective May 1, 2010, through October 31, 2010.

Terms of Covenant (annualized)

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| Effective Salary | \$85,000.00 |
| Pension and Medical | \$26,775.00 (31.5% of Effective Salary) |
| Travel and Ministry Expenses | \$3,000.00 |
| Social Security Offset | \$6,502.50 |
| Continuing Education Allowance | \$2,450.00 |
| Continuing Education Leave | 7 days including 1 Sunday |
| Vacation | 2.5 weeks including 2 Sundays |
| Total cost to church | \$123,727.50 |

8. The committee approved the Church Information Form for Interim Associate Pastor for the Pluckemin church.
9. Received the report of Robert Higgs (Elizabeth First) the Designated Pastor at the Elizabeth First church.
10. Rob also provided for the presbytery's information the 2010 Compensation Report for Ordained and Non-Ordained Personnel Serving Churches. (See Appendix VI.)
11. Finally, Rob reported that the Committee has been reviewing the status of ministers not serving in churches in our presbytery, and that a full report will be coming to presbytery in June.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry

Roberta Arrowsmith (Connecticut Farms), co-chair, presented the report of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

1. The presbytery **VOTED** to approve Rev. William Weaver (Linden) and Rev. Jason Tucker (Avenel) as ordination exam readers for the fall of 2010; and Rev. Susan Joseph Rack (Christ) as an alternate for the same term.
2. She introduced Inquirer Edwin Estevez (Watchung Avenue), who is applying to be advanced to Candidate status. Edwin read his Statement of Sense of Call. The presbytery examined him and **VOTED** to make him a Candidate of this presbytery. The Moderator prayed with Edwin, blessing his continued journey.

Adjourn.

The Moderator led the presbytery in a rousing song, "will you be a witness for the Lord?" The presbytery **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:25 pm (EDT), with a benediction by the Moderator.

Attest:

Paul F. Rack,
Stated Clerk

