

***11:30 a.m. A Pre-Presbytery Workshop entitled “Stewardship Covenant” was held and led by the Rev. Gloria Johnson and the Rev. Jeffrey Prey**

**Ruling Elder, Larry Keith, Moderator
Rev. Mark A. Tammen, Stated Clerk**

WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Presbytery of Long Island of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held a stated meeting on Tuesday, March 21, 2017, at the First Presbyterian Church of Amagansett’s Scoville Hall. The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Ruling Elder Larry Keith, with prayer, at 12:35 a.m. A quorum was present.

The Roll

Teaching Elders Present (31) **Bold–Teaching Elders Excused** (49) *Teaching Elders Absent* (8)

Choong Sik Ahn

Angela B. Archer

Immanuel Bae

Jongmi Bae

James W. Barnum

Jeanne W. Baum

Iftikhar Bhatti

Randall J. Broger

Kathryn Jones Calone

Dennis P. Carter

Charles M. Cary

Tom M. Castlen

William S. Causey

Brian Choi

Terri Cisse-Ofori

Kymberley Clemons-Jones

Yvonne Collie-Pendleton

Richard J. Crayton

Holly Haile Davis

Patrick L. Daymond

Jean M. Dix

Chester J. Easton

Kally Elliott

Stephen Fearing

Kathlyn Ferguson-Nealand

Adam B. Fischer

Margaret Flannagan

Jeannine M. Frenzel

George E. Gaffga

Paul Gaug

Richard G. Goss

Kenneth E. Graham

Richard N. Graugh

Robert Griffin

Aaron T. Hicks

William Hoffmann

Christine Hong

Nancy O’Neal Howarth

Steven E. Howarth

Wanda Lawry Hughes

James W. Hulsey

Karen S. Hybertsen

Nancy S. Jennings

Gloria J. Johnson

Joshua Jong

Peter J. Kelley

John W. Kloepfer

Donald R. Knight

Louis L. Knowles

Angus Ian C. Laing

Carol J. Maher

Scot McCachren

Annie McMillan

Clyde L. Mellinger, Jr.

Christopher Mergener

Anne Stewart Miller

J. Franklin Moist

Charles Monts

Paul G. Moon

Janice Moore Caputo

Edward M. Myers

Min Jung Park

Thomas J. Philipp

Jeffrey D. Prey

James B. Rea, Jr.

Ida Rosario

Rodolfo Saborio

Tracie A. Saunders

Amos Shin

Samuel Shin

Elisabeth K. Simpson

Michael F. Smith

Jeehoon Song

Mary Speers

Norman D. Stanton

Harold W. Story

Robert B. Stuart

Peter A. Sulyok

Mark A. Tammen

Rachel P. Vione

S. Bruce Wagner

John L. Wallace

Scott B. Williams

George A. Wilson

Frederick H. Woodward

Ronald F. Wood

Ralph B. Wright, Jr.

Robert Zemke

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Commissioned Ruling Elders Present (2), **Excused (0)**, *Absent (1)* *Mario Fernandez*, Richard King, Gustavo Sanchez

Commissioners: Present (24/54) **Excused Bold (6)** *Absent (24)*

Amagansett, Babylon, *Baldwin*, Bellmore, Brentwood, *Brentwood PIPH*, *Bridgehampton*, *Brookhaven*, Center Moriches, **Cutchogue**, Deer Park, East Hampton, First, *East Hampton, Springs Elmont, Freeport, Garden City, Glen Cove, Great Neck, Greenlawn, Hempstead, Huntington, Old First, Huntington Station, Islip*, Levittown, Malverne, *Malverne New Life*, Massapequa, Mattituck, *Melville, Merrick, Middle Island, Mineola*, Montauk, New Hyde Park, Northport, Oceanside, **Oyster Bay**, *Port Jefferson, Port Washington, Remsenburg, Roosevelt, Roslyn, Sag Harbor*, Selden, Setauket, Shelter Island, Smithtown, Southampton, First; *Southampton (Shinnecock)*, Southold, *Valley Stream*, Westhampton Beach, West Islip, **Yaphank**.

Elder Members of Presbytery (Bylaws, Chapter I, D) with Vote: present (6) **excused (3)** Herb Adler, Barbara D’Andrea, Marilyn Fox, **Alice Hild**, Larry Keith, Magalene McClarrin, Barbara Messier, **Lois Netter, Mary Martin Sweet**.

WE WELCOME GUESTS AND BEGIN OUR WORK

Introduction of Elder commissioners: The Presbytery welcomed elders attending Presbytery for the first time as commissioners.

Greetings from the host church: The Rev. Steven Howarth, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Amagansett, welcomed the Presbytery to Amagansett and to Scoville Hall, their *new* Parish House. On October 15, 2011, at 3:00 a.m., a fire destroyed Scoville Hall and after six years the new Parish House has just been completed. Rev. Howarth reported the community of Amagansett was very generous, with donations from individuals, as well as from church members, and they are now debt free.

Approval of Docket – The docket was approved as presented.

WE ARE CALLED TOGETHER TO WORSHIP

Following the Call to Worship from the Book of Psalm 84:1-2, the Presbytery sang “Santo, Santo, Santo/Holy, Holy, Holy”. CRE Gustavo Sanchez, led the Presbytery in responsive prayer. The Moderator, Larry Keith read the names of Ruling Elders who joined the Church Triumphant in 2016, which was followed by the Presbytery singing the hymn “For All the Saints”.

REPORT OF THE STATED CLERK - The Rev. Mark Tammen, Stated Clerk, presented the following motions which were approved by the Presbytery:

- 1) Approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting held on January 28, 2017.
- 2) Receive the Necrology report. (Appendix I)
- 3) Receive the Presbytery of Long Island’s Summary of 2016 Statistics (Appendix II)

Information:

Transferred the Rev. William Gimbol to Milwaukee Presbytery
Transferred the Rev. Richard Boyer to Monmouth Presbytery

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2018 Presbytery Dates:

January 27, 2018 Bridgehampton

April 17, 2018

June 26, 2018

October 27, 2018

Correspondence

To the Office of the General Assembly – 2016 Statistical Reports from the churches.

(Summary of Statistical Report as of December 31, 2016 in the meeting packet)

Thank you to all the Clerks of Session who completed their Statistical Reports before the General Assembly deadline!

Annual Session Minutes Review

The following Session Minutes were read **without** exceptions: Babylon, Baldwin, Bellmore, Brentwood, Center Moriches, Cutchogue, East Hampton (First), East Hampton(Springs), Elmont, Garden City, Great Neck, Hempstead, Huntington, (Old First), Huntington Station, Levittown, Malverne, Massapequa, Mattituck, Melville, Merrick, Montauk, New Hyde Park, Northport, Oceanside, Setauket, Sag Harbor, Shelter Island, Southampton, Smithtown, Valley Stream, Westhampton, Yaphank

The following Session Minutes were read **with** exceptions: Baldwin, Deer Park, Freeport, Glen Cove, Islip, Middle Island, Roslyn

As of this date the Following Churches Have Not Submitted Their 2016 Minutes:

Amagansett, Bellmore, PIPH Brentwood, Bridgehampton, Brookhaven, Glen Cove, Greenlawn, Malverne Nueva Vida, Mineola, Port Jefferson, Port Washington, Remsenburg, Roosevelt, Selden, Southampton 1st, Southampton, Shinnecock, Southold, West Islip.

(A makeup date will be held at the Presbytery Center in Commack on April 29, at 9:00 a.m.)

Session Minutes Still Missing From Previous Years - Southampton,Shinnecock, Bridgehampton 2014-15, Mineola 2014-15

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (U.S.A.) INVESTMENT AND LOANS PROGRAM - President, Ruling Elder James Rissler

Mr. Rissler reported that the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Investment and Loan Program is one of the six mission agencies in the PC(U.S.A.). PILP provides low cost loans to churches and other organizations with low interest rates, no closing costs, no fees, and the churches can pay down on the principal anytime. They provide loans for capital projects, expansion or renovation, as well as refinancing current loans. PILP also has a special loan called “restoring creation” which helps fund projects intentionally to improve energy efficiency of church buildings. The loan amounts are offered in all sizes. Investments are also provided through this program.

WE OFFER OUR SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY

SHEPHERDING COUNCIL REPORT - Ruling Elder Barbara Messier

Information:

The three forums led by our Moderator, Larry Keith, entitled “Let’s Talk: Listening to God and Each other in a New Political Environment” have been concluded, with 50 persons participating from 23 different churches, but with little diversity in ideas and views. Special thanks given to the Middle Island, Sag Harbor and New Hyde Park churches for hosting these forums.

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The Shepherding Council asked the General Presbyter to send letters to Jewish and Muslim faith communities expressing our support and concern. The General Presbyter was asked to send a similar letter to the pastors and sessions to encourage personal conversations and contact with other faiths.

Conversations:

Table Conversations were held among the presbyters on “Building Community Among Strangers” asking them to share how and what they are doing in their communities to bridge divides and reach out to those who feel vulnerable and threatened in the current climate. These stories will be presented for inclusion in *Nexus*.

Motion:

The Shepherding Council recommended and Presbytery approved the merger of the Peacemaking, Justice and Hunger Work Group with the Salt and Light Committee. The following is the proposal:

- 1) Maintain its current team mission and goals
- 2) Add the following new ministries:
- 3) Administer grants with funds from the Peacemaking fund (which includes Peace & Global Witness Offering)
- 4) Initiate, support, & encourage peace, justice, & hunger ministers on the congregational & community level
- 5) support & encourage BFW (Bread for the World) hunger initiatives within Presbyterian congregations.

To accomplish these goals the Shepherding Council recommends for a first reading that the Presbytery amend SR VI. B.1. of its Bylaws to read as follows (added language **underlined**)

B. Ministry Teams of the Presbytery

1. Salt and Light Team

Responsibilities:

The Salt and Light Team works to support congregational initiatives to partner with other Presbyterian and non-Presbyterian churches for mutual growth in ministry and discipleship. This team develops strategies for greater cooperation in pursuit of the Presbytery’s vision, and supports teams of Presbyterian churches engaged in spiritual growth, evangelism, education or outreach. The Team is also the body of the Presbytery with the primary responsibility of supporting, facilitating, nurturing and developing partnership initiatives and connections for mission between Presbytery of Long Island congregations and other local, national, or international mission entities. Initiate, support & encourage peace, justice, & hunger ministries on the congregational and community level. This team encourages partnerships engaged in hands-on mission, social action and witness, and supports ecumenical mission endeavors in communities. The Team will support and encourage Bread for the World hunger initiatives with Presbyterian congregations.

Between meetings of the Presbytery, the Salt and Light Team shall have the authority to carry out any of the Presbytery’s G-3.0303a authority. The Team shall have the Presbytery’s authority to modify or clarify the grants described in [3] below.

3. Salt and Light Team Grants: The Team shall be responsible for the solicitation, receipt, and review of Presbytery Partnership Grant Applications for all work under its purview, and will be solely responsible for the awarding of such grants.

The Team shall administer grants with funds from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Fund (including Peace & Global Witness Offering”

Salt and Light – CRE Richard King

Mr. King reported that the Salt and Light Team has nine members on the team and that their vision is education, outreach, and spiritual growth. At the upcoming stated meeting of Presbytery on June 27th there will be a pre-presbytery focus on food pantries.

Practical Resources – Ms. Charlaine Apsel, Executive Director of Practical Resources

Ms. Apsel reminded the presbytery that every church is entitled to a 3 hour onsite visit and that this can be about any of the following topics: teacher training, training audit committees, deacon training, assisting stewardship teams, card and shawl ministry, Lenten retreats, Quickbooks training or a tune up in Sunday School training. The Practical Resources staff has offered to do new programs with Presbyterian women and also with the youth.

Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center – The Rev. Peter Surgenor, Executive Director of the Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center at Holmes, promoted the upcoming summer camp and their Open House on May 22, 2017. After 40 years of service as a camp director Rev. Surgenor will retire this June. Past Moderator, Barbara Messier, led the Presbytery in a prayer of thanksgiving for the Rev. Surgenor.

New Church Fellowship and Development – Ruling Elder Marilyn Fox

Ruling Elder Fox reminded the churches of the presbytery that the committee is asking each congregation to support one of the four New Worshipping Communities (Glenwood Landing, Mission Emmanuel, New Hyde Park, and Sacred Space) with personnel, funds and prayers.

Immigration Update – the Rev. Kate Jones Calone

Rev. Jones Calone thanked the churches for standing with our immigrants and reported that there are several ways churches can help. 1) Accompaniment to court dates and to their lawyers – to just be present and to demonstrate as people of faith that we are with them. 2) Bring congregations together in the local area. Presbyterians are in the forefront in the Sanctuary movement 3) Support non-profit organizations. The Setauket Presbyterian Church has dedicated \$10,000 as a challenge matching grant to Long Island Jobs for Justice to provide a salary for a person to provide direct services to the immigrant. As of right now they have received an additional \$5500 to help assist in this grant from churches and individuals.

WORSHIP

The Presbytery sang “Holy, Holy, Holy/Santo, Santo, Santo” followed by a reading from Psalm 84:1-5 by the Rev. Richard Graugh. CRE Gustavo Sanchez, organizing pastor of one of our new New Worshipping Communities “Mission Emmanuel” in Center Moriches, preached his homily from Psalms 84. CRE Sanchez noted that we find hope, help, companionship, and worship in our churches. Sunday morning is where you praise and worship God and are joyful, but when Monday comes, it may bring sad news. The fear, pain and insecurity comes over you and that is what happens to immigrants. In today’s world there are drastic changes for the immigrants. In the manse of Center Moriches from August 2016 through Feb 20, 2017 people were participating in worship, Wednesday evening Bible study, and Thanksgiving services. After the executive orders, people stopped coming because of fear... but God always has answers. On March 5th the doors of the temple (the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches) were opened. The house of the Lord is where we can lead the needy, the poor, the naked and hungry. We are called by God in scripture to care for the vulnerable.

The offering today was dedicated to New Church Fellowship and Development and was followed with the Presbytery singing “Let Us Build a House”.

COMMISSIONING OF OUR MISSIONARIES

Local and International missionaries from our churches were commissioned to Cuba, El Salvador, Northern Thailand (anti-trafficking mission), and Norristown, Pennsylvania (work camp) charging them to go forth, doing everything in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, giving thanks to God through Jesus the Christ.

COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY – Ruling Elder Magalene McClarrin

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

1. Concur with the request for Levittown/Massapequa to assist the Levittown/Massapequa churches as they explore merging together, the Committee proposes that the Presbytery:

Authorize the Moderator to appoint a five member commission with Rev. Lou Knowles as moderator, with one elder from both Levittown and Massapequa, one other elder from an area congregation, and one other minister from a local congregation. Empower that Commission to carry out all the Presbytery’s powers relating to these congregations (G-3.0303 & G-4.0206b).

These powers explicitly would not include the power to sell real property or the powers of the pastoral relationship with the congregations.

The Commission is required to regularly report actions to the Presbytery as the process unfolds. Motion approved.

2. The Committee voted to recommend that Presbytery examine Rev. John Carrick, a Methodist minister, for membership in the Presbytery of Long Island, at the March 21, 2017, Stated Meeting of Presbytery, and authorize the moderators to appoint an installing commission.

Biography John Carrick

Rev. John Carrick is a graduate of Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He received his Master of Divinity and Doctor of Ministry degrees from Asbury Theological Seminary. For the last 15 years he has served internationally as a missionary to Paraguay with the Mission Society and as a Senior Pastor of the American Protestant Church in Bonn, Germany. John is married to Sandra and they have three grown children.

Statement of Faith John Carrick

I believe in the historic doctrines of the Christian faith, which the church has articulated in faithfulness to God’s Word by means of the Apostle’s Creed and the Nicene Creed. These basic creedal formulations of the faith were hammered out to defend the essential doctrines of our faith from many errors, which persist in several forms to this day.

I believe that God has made himself known to us in a variety of ways. Preeminently, God has disclosed himself to us by entering human history through the incarnation of his Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ. Only through the incarnation can we learn of God’s triune being as the eternal Father, Son and

Holy Spirit. I believe that there is only one God, but within the unity of God is this diversity of three persons living in an eternal community of love.

God's love is the reason that he reaches out to humanity in the redeeming work of his Son. I believe the historic human person we know as Jesus of Nazareth was and is the very presence of the Transcendent God who has created all that exists. God humbled himself by becoming truly human and entered into the time and space of his own creation in order to redeem a world suffering from the consequences of sin and selfishness. Even as the incarnation reveals a God who condescends to meet humanity at our level, God's act of redemption is accomplished not through the exertion of his almighty power, but by means of his unfailing and sacrificial love. Laying down his own life for the guilty, Jesus atoned for human sin and rising from death, Jesus destroys the powers of evil as our victorious Lord.

I believe the Father and Son are present to us today by the Holy Spirit, who convicts us of our sin, calls us to repent and follow Jesus, and who cleanses us through the gracious application of Jesus' blood poured out on the cross. The Holy Spirit also gives gifts to God's people, so that the church is equipped to serve the purposes of God's Kingdom in this world.

I believe that humanity stands in a unique relationship to God as creatures made in his own image. We have been entrusted with a role as stewards over a world that God delighted to create. Our stewardship extends to the care of other persons who have suffered from evil, poverty, sickness, war and disaster; as well as, to the health and stability of the world in which we live.

I believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments have been given to us as a gracious gift of God working through a long process of human agency. These Scriptures bear witness to the self-revelation of God in Jesus Christ. The Scriptures are the authoritative source of our Christian message, inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the ground upon which the gospel continues to be preached today.

Regarding Sacraments

I believe that the only way the infinite and transcendent God can make himself known to such finite creatures, as humankind is to condescend to reveal himself on our level. This statement reflects no limitation on what God can do; but rather, the limitation of finite humanity. The incarnation of God in Jesus Christ is the principle means of God's condescension, making possible the human encounter with God. Other more humble means also can become avenues of God's immanent presence.

Jesus has provided us with simple and tangible means to awaken us to his presence and to reveal and offer to us God's covenantal love and promises. Jesus Christ uniquely commands the sacraments of baptism and Holy Communion in the gospel narratives and the church has sought to obey Christ's commands in its ritual practices. I believe these outward signs signify an inward grace poured out by the Holy Spirit. My sacramental view of these rituals can also be applied to preaching and to the nature of Scripture. These simple human acts and words can become the means of God's grace and the mode through which God condescends to reveal himself to the human person.

I believe that baptism is an act through which the sign of God's covenant (Col. 2:11-12) in Jesus Christ is applied to the life of a child. This sign demonstrates that salvation is God's action for us, given wholly by his grace and independent of our understanding. The primary agent in baptism is the Holy Spirit, placing his seal on the child. As a covenantal agreement, there is also a secondary human response of making promises or vows to nurture and raise the child within the community of faith, learning about Christ and preparing them for the time of their own mature expression of personal faith in Christ. The human response to God's grace takes a more visible place when an unbaptized new adult believer is able to bear witness to his/her own faith in Christ. The human testimony, however, does not signify that the

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human action has taken the primary role. Baptism is still the gracious gift of God, signifying the new creation and redeemed life of the believer.

I respect Christian traditions, which understand baptism as having only symbolic value, and as constituting only the obedient response of a new believer. I do not believe that a person's conviction about the nature of baptism should separate or divide the body of Christ. I have served an inter-national and inter-denominational congregation, where Christians of diverse theological opinions worshipped together and allowed for the full expression of either infant baptism or believers baptism. I find the symbolic value of adult baptism by immersion of great power as it witnesses to the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus Christ. I believe Christians of both these theological persuasions can live and worship together without conflict.

I believe that Holy Communion reenacts and reminds Christians today of the covenantal meal in which Jesus declared the significance of his own death. As Scripture says, the meal is in "remembrance" of Jesus' suffering and death, but I believe this reminding is more than a symbolic memorial act. Holy Communion touches all five of the human senses and it carries us beyond what we can perceive by the simple senses of touch, taste, smell, sight and hearing to the a genuine spiritual perception of God's sacrificial love in Jesus' death. I believe that Christ himself is present to us in and through the ritual, not by means of transubstantiation, but present nevertheless as the living Christ and not merely memorializing his death.

Following Rev. Carrick's examination the Presbytery moved, seconded and unanimously approved his membership into the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) with the singing of the Doxology.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION:

At its meeting on February 7, 2017:

1. The Committee approved Magalene McClarrin and the Rev. Mark Tammen to appoint a moderator for the congregational meeting February 12, 2017, at the First Presbyterian Church of Southampton, as Rev. Rick Boyer is leaving to take a position in Matawan, New Jersey.
2. The Committee approved the Interim Pastor contract between the session of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church and Rev. John Kloepfer for the period February 15, 2017, through February 14, 2018, at the following (full-time): Cash Salary, \$44,708; Housing Allowance, 40,000; Tax-Deferred Investment, NA; Pension and Medical Dues, post-retirement service dues, 10,165; Additional Insurance, NA; SECA Tax Reimbursement, 6,480; Automobile Expense Reimbursement, church business mileage at the IRS standard rate; Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement, 1,000; Continuing Education Expense Reimbursement, 750 per two quarters of service; Vacation, one week per quarter of service; Continuing Education Time, one week per two quarters of service; Paternity Leave, NA; Moving Expenses, NA.
3. The Committee voted to appoint Rev. John Kloepfer as moderator of the next session meeting of Westhampton Presbyterian Church, which will take place before he begins his service as Interim Pastor.
4. The Committee voted to keep the Interim Pastor and Designated Pastor positions as separate descriptions.

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5. The Committee voted that churches making a decision for Interim Pastor, Temporary Supply Pastor or Designated Pastor, must be approved by COM prior to session or a committee beginning their search.
6. The Committee voted to require Interim Pastor training of all Interim Pastor candidates, in consultation with the church's session.
7. The Committee voted to approve the plumb line study as submitted by the Levittown/Massapequa churches.
8. The Committee approved the call of Rev. Matthew Means as Pastor of Old First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, effective at a date yet to be determined, but when the way be clear, at the following terms (full-time): Cash Salary and Manse Allowance, \$54,848; Tax-Deferred Investment, 1,000; Free Use of the Manse (annual fair rental value, 31,200); Full Utilities, heat, electricity and water (approximate annual cost, 4,000); Pension and Medical Dues – Pension, 9,808 – Death and Disability, 892 – Medical, 21,844 = 32,544; Additional Insurance – Dental PPO, member and family – 1,632 + Supplemental Death Benefit, member, 300,000 – 288+ spouse, 100,000 – 96 + three children, 10,000 – 96 = 2,112; SECA Tax Reimbursement, 6,888; Automobile Expense Reimbursement, church business mileage at IRS standard rate; Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement, 500; Continuing Education Expense Reimbursement, 1,500; Vacation, 30 days, including 5 Sundays; Continuing Education Time, 14 days, including 2 Sundays; Paternity Leave per presbytery guidelines; Moving Expenses, full, reasonable. The Committee further granted permission to the Session to call a congregational meeting to act on the call. The Committee welcomed Rev. Means into membership. The Search Committee followed AA/EEO guidelines.

At its meeting on March 7, 2017:

1. The Committee voted to receive Rev. John Carrick, once examined by the Presbytery of Long Island and that he become familiar with approved reformed theology by taking on-line courses in polity and the sacraments, within one year.
2. The Committee voted to approve the Terms of Call between Rev. John Carrick and the congregation of Mattituck Presbyterian Church at the following terms (full-time): Cash Salary and Manse Allowance, \$56,000; Tax-Deferred Investment, 1,000; Free Use of Manse (annual fair rental value, 21,600); Full Utilities, heat, electricity and water (approximate annual cost, 3,200); Pension and Medical Dues, 29,019; Additional Insurance – Dental PPO, member and spouse, 905; SECA Tax Reimbursement, 6,181; Automobile Expense Reimbursement, church business mileage at IRS standard rate; Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement, 500; Continuing Education Expense Reimbursement, 1,500; Vacation, 30 days, including 5 Sundays; Continuing Education Time, 14 days, including 2 Sundays; Paternity Leave, per presbytery guidelines; Moving Expenses, full, reasonable.
3. The Committee voted to grant \$12,000 in Salary Supplement funds to the Presbyterian Church of Garden City for one year, March 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017.
4. The Committee voted to dismiss Rev. William Gimbol from the Presbytery of Long Island to the Presbytery of Milwaukee.
5. The Committee voted to recognize the conclusion of the Interim Pastorate of Rev. Anne Stewart Miller at Old First Presbyterian Church, Huntington, effective March 5, 2017.

6. The Committee voted to approve the renewal of the Temporary Supply Pastor contract between the session of the Brentwood Presbyterian Church and Rev. Ida Rosario for the period April 21, 2017, through April 20, 2018, at the following terms (half-time, 20 hours/week): Cash Salary, \$13,259; Manse Allowance, 0; Tax-Deferred Investment, 5,000; Free Use of Manse (annual fair rental value, 14,440); Full Utilities, heat, electricity and water (approximate annual cost, 3,900); Pension and Medical Dues, NA; Additional Insurance, NA; SECA Tax Reimbursement, 2,417; Automobile Expense Reimbursement, church business mileage at the IRS standard rate; Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement, 250; Continuing Education Expense Reimbursement, 750; Vacation, 30 days, including 5 Sundays; Continuing Education Time, 14 days, including 2 Sundays; Maternity Leave, NA; Moving Expenses, NA. The terms are below the presbytery minimum.

At 3:15 p.m. the Presbytery met for a 30 minute fellowship break.

GATHERING BACK TOGETHER

The Presbytery gathered back together with the singing of Santo, Santo, Santo/Holy, Holy, Holy

REPORT OF THE SYNOD OF NORTHEAST – the Rev. Stephen Fearing, Commissioner

Rev. Fearing reported that the Synod is now doing things that no other synod is currently doing. The Synod has the radical notion of doing governance for the sake of mission. The Synod Assembly meets every two years and in the “off years” the Synod holds a gathering called “Come to the Table” which will meet on September 22-23, 2017, at Stony Point Conference Center. All are welcome.

As our Commissioner to the Synod Stephen serves on the committee that works with giving innovative grants. This year \$9000 will be given to the Glenwood Life Center and the following year an additional \$8000 will be given. Rev. Fearing mentioned the Good Shepherd and that the quickest way for a flock to die is to stay in one spot. Synod has the ability to have a wider glimpse.

COMMITTEE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY – the Rev. Mary Speers

Rev. Speers reported that the Presbytery of Long Island has four candidates at various points in their process. There are also several elders in the presbytery who are in various stages of becoming Commissioned Ruling Elders.

Three of our candidates are nearing the end of their candidacy: Hugh Bradford Morgan (Brad), Colby Rohde and Beatrix Weil. Brad and Beatrix are to graduate from seminary this spring, and Colby has completed his degree and has been serving in the Babylon church until his candidacy is complete. Beatrix completed her final parts of trial at the February meeting of the CPM, and we certified her ready to receive a call. She is in conversation with several entities. Brad will be meeting with us in May to be certified ready to receive a call. We certified Colby at our February meeting.

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry moved that the Presbytery examine Colby Rohde for preparation to receive a call following his reading of his Statement of Faith.

Biography Colby Rohde

Colby Rohde attended Morningside College in Sioux City, Iowa and is a graduate of Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary in Hamilton, MA. While at Morningside College he travelled to Haiti and has been involved in mission work there ever since. For the past two years he has been serving as a pastoral intern at the First Presbyterian Church of Babylon.

**Statement of Faith
Colby Rohde**

I believe that there is one God, Who exists eternally as the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Each Person of the Godhead is distinct in themselves yet uniquely one in substance. The Triune God is the ultimate Creator, Sustainer and Savior of all things material and spiritual and is sovereign over all His creation.

I believe that Jesus Christ is the eternal second Person of the Godhead, the Son, Who has existed in all eternity with the Father. He was humanly conceived by the Holy Spirit and was born of the virgin Mary. In the incarnation, Christ voluntarily and simultaneously gave up independent access to His divine attributes, by taking on full humanity, which He had previously not been, while remaining fully God. I believe that Jesus lived the perfectly obedient life all of humanity was called to live and died the death that sinful humanity deserves to die, both by requirements of the Law. He did not stay dead, but after three days was raised from the dead and ascended into Heaven where He sits now at the right hand of God the Father.

I believe there is a problem for all humanity, in that all persons are inescapably diseased and plagued in their rebellion against God, initially introduced in the decision of Adam and Eve. This disease brought on physical and spiritual death, separation from God and alienation from Him and others. People are inherently corrupt and completely unable to save themselves or to please God, except by God's interceding mercy and grace.

I believe that there is a solution to this problem, in that salvation comes from God alone in His sovereignty when He chooses to rescue humans from their sin and restore them to a right relationship with Himself. God's choice is not dictated or swayed by human merit or foreseen faith, rather His choice is based solely on His mercy and grace.

I believe Holy Scripture is the written word of God, inspired by the Holy Spirit, sufficient to guide and govern The Church in all matters of faith and practice. Composed of both the Old and New Testaments, It is the living revelation of God's timeless truth and the whole of redemptive history of humanity as well as the hope of the return of Christ. The Holy Scripture, by the power of the Holy Spirit, is efficient and capable in and of Itself to transform and replace the human heart.

I believe the One Universal Christian Church is the community of God's redeemed people, who have been given faith in Christ for their salvation. The Church is created by the Holy Spirit to exalt Jesus Christ as Lord of all. The relationships of the redeemed people are the results from their common identity as children that have been adopted into the family of God. This family's mission is, with each other, to give glory to God by going forth to be used as instruments of God's grace, by the Holy Spirit, to those in desperate need of God's grace. This mission ends only when Christ Himself comes back to reign as King of all eternity.

I believe the Sacraments that the Lord Jesus has gifted and entrusted His Church, by the power of the Holy Spirit, are Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The gift of baptism provides the Church an opportunity to celebrate God's saving work by acknowledging and reflecting the whole range of God's renewing activity in the life of individuals and the Church. I believe that the gift of Lord's Supper is celebrated by the Church in remembrance of the death of Jesus Christ as well as the pardon accompanied to the Church through His death. I believe that at the Holy Communion there is a spiritual presence of the

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crucified and risen Lord with His Bride, the Church. Believers, in participation of the Holy Communion, are spiritually edified, united and nourished.

Following Mr. Rohde’s examination, the Presbytery approved that he is ready to receive a call with the singing of the “Doxology”.

HUNTINGTON CENTRAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION – the Rev. Peter Kelley

Rev. Kelley reported that in 2014, the Administrative Commission was formed when Huntington Central Presbyterian Church asked to be released from the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to become a member of ECO (Evangelical Covenant Order of Presbyterians). The Commission had decided to move slowly and deliberately. Before the Central group was released they were received by ECO and shortly thereafter their pastor resigned. With their departure we now have a group that is meeting in the church where they are with questionable leadership. Rev. Kelley assured the Presbytery that the Commission was addressing each new challenge and hoped to bring a substantive report to the presbytery soon.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Deacon Patrick Knight (Appendix III)

BOARD OF TRUSTEES – the Rev. Nancy Howarth

After reviewing a request from the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Mineola, the Trustees appointed the Rev. Jeffrey Prey to join Ruling Elder Natalie Naylor in meeting with the Session, and if both agree, to request the Presbytery moderators to appoint an Administrative Commission as described below.

The Board of Trustees presented the following motion and Presbytery approved that the Presbytery of Long Island authorize its Moderatorial Team to appoint a five person Administrative Commission to work with the Mineola session: 1) to explore its future mission opportunities; 2) to explore the future of the congregation’s buildings at 182 First Street, Mineola, NY and 3) that the Commission bring a report and possible recommendations to the Presbytery at its June 27, 2017.

For Information:

The Trustees gave permission to the Session of the Garden City congregation to enter into a lease with The New Vision Gospel Church for the use of its sanctuary and other rooms.

The Trustees gave permission to the Session of the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church in Melville to enter into a lease with: the Gathering of Light Multi-Faith Fellowship for use of its sanctuary and other rooms and The Centro Misionero group for use of its sanctuary and other rooms.

ADJOURNMENT

CLOSING PRAYER AND HYMN – The Moderator, Larry King, closed the meeting with prayer followed by the singing of “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” at 4:25 p.m.

Attest: _____
Mark A. Tammen, Stated Clerk

Appendix I

THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND
MEMORIAL FOR ELDERS WHO DIED IN 2016

<u>Church</u>	<u>Elder</u>	<u>Ordination Date</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
Babylon	Ruth Trevithick	06/25/1995	04/27/2016
	Jane Matlach	06/27/2004	08/31/2016
Bellmore	Jeanne Johnson	01/03/2010	01/27/2016
	Dianne Kazanjian	01/24/1988	11/16/2016
Brentwood	Charles H. Sosnicki	02/25/2001	11/15/2016
Cutchogue	Thomas Samuels		07/21/2016
Deer Park	Frank Kraft	01/1953	01/06/2016
Freeport	Jane Jersic		05/07/2014
Garden City	Natalia Wienslaw	02/1992	04/08/2016
Huntington, Old First	Rosamond Dean	02/24/1985	07/15/2016
	Malcom Beauchamp	03/29/1981	05/31/2016
Huntington Station	Walter Kahrs	02/17/1985	06/30/2016
	James B. Moore	02/07/1971	11/10/2016
Malverne	Daisy Czarnomski	02/09/1998	01/23/2016
Massapequa	Dorothy DeBrevoise	02/11/1979	12/12/2016
	Carl Muller	01/22/1961	08/03/2016
	William Vestigo	01/13/1980	06/14/2016
Merrick	Beverly Burke	01/18/1987	06/06/2016
	Frank Burke	01/05/2003	08/25/2016
	Mary Ann Johns	01/11/2009	06/15/2016
	Madalyn Hoerschelman	01/09/2000	02/01/2016
	Robert Luce	01/05/1964	12/11/2016
Middle Island	Rebecca Hagemann	01/07/1996	10/16/2016
	Barbara Agueci	12/05/1982	04/11/2016
New Hyde Park	Neil Secor	01/1996	11/25/2016
Port Jefferson	Kenton Draigh		03/08/2016
	Gerald Sweet		03/17/2016
	Shirley Teagarden		11/20/2016
Sag Harbor	Lois Carrion	01/05/1997	07/31/2016

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Smithtown	Harold Carlson	01/19/1958	01/ /2016
	Richard Hausman	06/10/2001	04/ /2016
	Theodore King	01/23/1972	05/ /2016
	Velma Teichert	06/29/1975	11/ /2016
Southampton	Millicent King	01/12/1992	05/06/2016
	Fred Weber	01/07/2001	03/15/2016
Southold	William Hamilton	06/20/2004	01/17/2016
	Lorna Tuthill	02/12/1961	03/22/2016
Westhampton	William Kavan	01/12/1992	11/26/2016
Yaphank	Joan Moreland	02/1983	08/12/201

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Appendix II



Presbytery
Report
2016

Presbytery Number	180348
Name	Long Island
Address	42 Hauppauge Rd
City/State	Commack, NY 11725-4499
Phone	631-499-7171
Email	<u>Adminassociate@presbyteryofli.org</u>
Web Site	
Fax	<u>631-499-7063</u>

Membership

Prior Active Members **8684**

Gains		Losses	
17 & Under	68	Certified	136
18 & Over	169	Deaths	128
Certified	26	Other	435
Other	18		
Total Gains	281	Total Losses	699

Total Active Members **8266**

Baptized **549**
Other Participants **470**
Total Adherents **9285**
Female Members **4891**

Average Attendance **3952**

Affiliate Members **163**

Baptisms
Child Baptisms **106**
Adult Baptisms **12**

Officers
Male Session **193**
Female Session **267**
Male Deacons **112**
Female Deacons **329**

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Age Distribution of Active Members		Male	Female
25 & Under	1225	540	624
26 - 45	1380	494	806
46 - 55	1222	416	732
56 - 65	1340	444	764
Over 65	1898	654	1098
Total Distribution	7065	2548	4024

People with Disabilities

Hearing	181
Sight	48
Mobility	173
Other	50

Christian Education

Birth 3	121	Grade 7	120
Age 4	74	Grade 8	99
Kindergarten	86	Grade 9	84
Grade 1	99	Grade 10	85
Grade 2	97	Grade 11	80
Grade 3	114	Grade 12	79
Grade 4	101	Young Adults	87
Grade 5	120	Over 25	470
Grade 6	118	Teachers/Officers	306
Total	2340		

Racial Ethnic Breakdown	Membership	Elders	Deacons	Male	Female
Asian	158	5	8	72	82
Black	260	23	20	77	176
African American	790	26	27	254	530
African	50	7	3	15	35
Middle Eastern	8	2	1	4	3
Hispanic	122	11	8	43	61
Native American	16	1	1	5	10
White	5933	282	286	2018	2941
Other	494	30	24	41	63
Totals	7831	387	378	2529	3901

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Potential Giving Units	4,464
Budgeted Income	11,089,224
Budgeted Expense	12,037,337

Receipts

Regular Contributions	8,488,539	Bequests	837,704
Capital Building Fund	1,088,954	Other Income	2,492,373
Investment Income	1,076,569	Subsidy or Aid	36,333

Expenditures

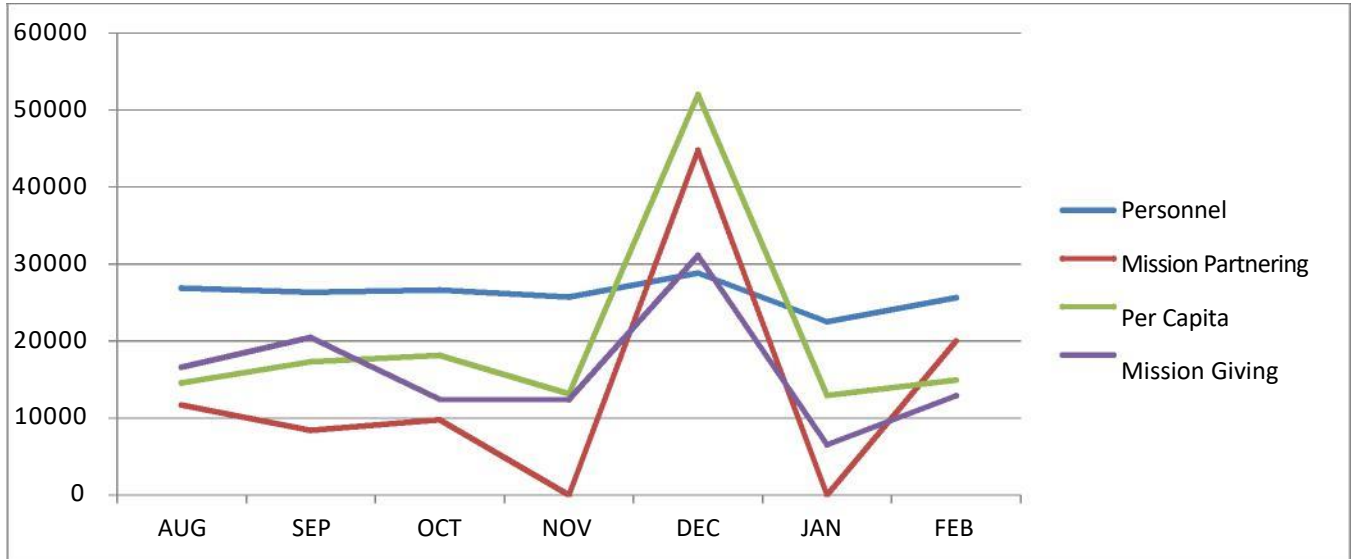
Local Program	10,149,905	Per Capital Apprt	2,611,169
Local Mission	438,982	Validated Mission	231,838
Capital Expenditures	1,810,459	Theological Fund	6,800
Investment Expenditures	382,445	Other Mission	290,917

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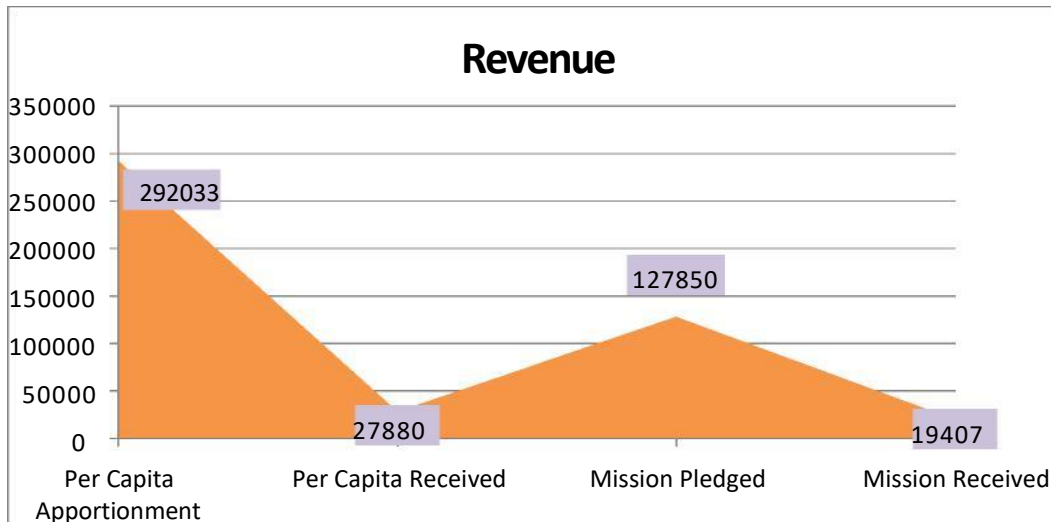
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**Appendix III
TREASURER'S
REPORT
2/28/17**

<u>Operations</u>	<u>Month</u>	<u>YTD</u>
Income:	\$ 38,325.24	61,623.34
Expenses:	70,688.06	107,636.14
Cash Flow:	-32,362.82	-46,012.80



Per Capita is actually the opportunity for each of us to participate equally, responsibly and interdependently by sharing the cost of mission. It's the opportunity to share in our mission of performing ecclesiastical, legislative and judicial functions that identify a reformed church, and at the same time, strengthen the sense of community for all Presbyterians, bringing people together to discern the mind of Christ.



Per Capita Percent Achieved 9.55%
Mission Giving Percent Achieved 15.18%

Historically, we always begin our first few months in the red, and 2017 is no aberration. As I've mentioned in the past, the Presbytery of Long Island is operating at a deficit, the long-term effects of which may be disastrous. Nevertheless, I am optimistic that a viable solution is around the corner. In the meantime, I'd like to personally thank those member churches who have turned in their Mission Giving Pledge cards on time. I patiently await those whom are still grappling with their pledge amounts – I expect your cards shortly.