

The Presbytery of Elizabeth

Presbyterian Church (USA)

STATED MEETING

#659

The Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church

North Plainfield, NJ

June 25 MMXIII

ATTENDANCE.

Congregation	Teaching Elder (TE)		Ruling Elder (RE)	
Avenel (2)	Robert Louer (I)	A	Gay Patrouch	P A
Basking Ridge (3)	Dennis Jones Maureen Paterson	A P	Jim Felter Geroge Fricke	P P A
Bedminster, Lamington (2)	Matthew Davis [Vacant (A)]	P --		A A
Berkeley Heights, Westminster (2)	Diane Ruffle	P	Eugene Daniel	P A
Bernardsville, First (2)	Chester Kim	A		A A
Carteret, First (2)	[Vacant (P)]	--	Alicia Toke	P A
Clark, Osceola	Brian Croak (TS)	P	Jane Santiago	P
Clinton	Tracey C. Henry	P	Richard Prakopcyk	P
Cranford (2)	Chris Kile Valencia Norman (A)	P A	Betsy Koehler Jean Wands	P P
Edison, Community	Kenneth Macari	P	Ron Buchmann	P
Edison, Lord of Hope	Chang Woo Lee	A		A
Edison, Oak Tree	Jill Hedlund Kitsko	P	Madelynne Lindsey	P
Elizabeth, First	Robert Higgs (D)	E	Matthew Kelley	P
Elizabeth, Second	Michael Granzen	P	Linwood Bagby	P
Elizabeth, Third-Westminster	Frank K Muse (D)	A	Margaret Robinson	P
Elizabeth, Siloam-Hope	John Howard	P	Helen Mosley	P
Fanwood	David Jahnke	E	Judy Wussler	P
Fords, First	Douglas Kurtz (SS)	A		A
Garwood	Howard Bryant [I]	P	Anne Tucker	P
Hillside Millennium	Jupiaci Gomes	P	Luci Alcântara	P
Iselin, First (2)	James F. Thomas	P	Heather Meyers Paul Raghunandan	P P
Liberty Corner (3)	Donald Feuerbach Anne Havrilla (A)	A E	Don Mayer-Brown Gerard Nelson Jack Paddon	P P P

Linden	William Weaver	P	Mmaezi Choibi	P
Linden, Calvin	Ryan Landino	P	Anne Kenderes	P
Martinsville, Christ	Susan Joseph Rack	P		A
Metuchen, First (2)	Samuel Massengill Arlo Jones (A) Mercy Rumengan (PA)	A P P	Phyllis Black	P A
Middlesex	Neal Presa	P	Ruth Mikalonis	P
Mountainside, Community	Chris Belden	P	Marjorie Bradshaw	P
New Providence (2)	Jeffrey Ebert Michael Flavin (A) Ian Rankine (A)	P A A		A A
No. Plainfield, Watchung Ave.	Shannan Vance-Ocampo	P	Doug Boleyn	P
Perth Amboy, First (2)	Peter Hofstra	A		A A
Pittstown, Bethlehem (2)	Laurie Sponaugle	E	Alan Ford Alicia Tamilio	P P
Plainfield, Bethel (2)	Jonathan Williams (CRE)	P	Paul Broady Fredrica Wiliams	P P
Plainfield, Crescent Ave (2)	Lynn Santulli (I)	A		A A
Plainfield, Nuevas Freonteras (2)	Victor Aloyo, Jr.	A		A A
Plainfield, United (2)	Victor Aloyo, Jr. (TS)	A	Pat Dawson Barbara Hiney	P P
Pluckemin (2)	A. Coile Estes Margaret Mitsuyasu (A)	P P		A A
Rahway, First (2)	Erin Hayes	P	Charlene Edwards Joanne Noblitt	P P
Roselle, First (2)	Karen Chamis	A		A A
Scotch Plains, Willow Grove (2)	Cynthia Cochran-Carney	P	Jill Segulin	P A
Springfield, First (2)	Victoria M. Ney	P	Don Rathjens	A A
Summit, Central (3)	Don Steele John Illian (A) Cynthia Betz-Bogoly (A)	P E A	Dave Bomgaars Linda Hander Lee Horner	P P P
Union, Connecticut Farms (2)	Robertta Arrowsmith	E	John Griffen	P A
Union, Townley (2)	Chris Taylor	P	Lois Tangowski	P A
Warren, Trinity United (2)	[Vacant (P)]	--	Kay Hud Carol Krueger	P P
Westfield (4)	Raymond Roberts Mike Samson (A) Emily Wilmarth (A)	P E P	David Rogers	P A A A
Woodbridge, First	Leslie Dobbs-Allsopp Shelley Gardner (A)	A P	Robert E. Stephan E. Thomas Walsh	P P

Teaching Elders Engaged in a Validated Ministry (G-2.0503a)

VACANT, Executive Presbyter (Presbytery of Elizabeth)	--
Nadia Ayoub, Mission Worker, (PUCSA Worldwide Mission - The Ukraine)	E
Paul F. Rack, Stated Clerk (Presbytery of Elizabeth)	P

Teaching Elders Engaged in a Validated Ministry Beyond the Jurisdiction of the Church (G-2.0503a)

Isaac Ahn (Evangelical Fellowship Chapel (EFC) of Parsippany, NJ)	A
Nancy Munshour Asbury (Raritan Valley Habitat for Humanity)	P
Deirdre Greenwood White (Annisquam Village Ch, Gloucester, MA)	E
Kathryn Henry (Peapack Reformed Church, Gladstone, NJ)	P
Jennifer T. Hrynyk (Community Congregational Ch, Short Hills, NJ)	A
Christina L. McCormick (The Westminster Schools, Atlanta, GA)	E
Dorothy Morris (Norwood Terrace, Plainfield, NJ)	P
Arthur Pace, U.S. Army Chaplain (Pennsylvania)	E

Members at Large (G-2.0503b)

Charles Baier	P
Jennifer Butler (Washington DC)	E
Sally Campbell (St. Luke's Hospital, Bethlehem, PA)	P
Lawrence Finn III	E
Leslie Foltz-Morrison (Delmar, NY)	E
Murv Gardiner	A
Philip M. Jones	E
John S. Oh (Fullerton, CA)	E
Young Jin Park	A
Joseph Yoon	A

Honorably Retired (G-2.0503c)

Beth Anderson-Domer	E
Helen Beglin	E
Robert Beringer	E
Frederick Black	P
Russell Block	E
George Bonnell	E
Charles Brackbill	E
Howard Bryant [see GARWOOD]	--
Reid S. Byers, Jr.	E
William O Culton	P
John Dunlap, Jr. (Pennsylvania)	E
Else Farr (California)	E
Joseph Garlic	E

Abraham Luckhoff (Georgia)	E
Charles Maxell (Michigan)	E
John Millar (Manitoba Canada)	E
Hibbert Moss	E
Douglas Muller (Pennsylvania)	E
John Naugle (Pennsylvania)	E
Janet Vane Pederson	P
Corina Rodriguez (Oklahoma)	E
Bruce Schundler	E
Timothy J.J. Shu	E
Brooks Smith	P
Mark Smith	E
John Stephenson	E

Leonard Grant (Florida)	E
Douglas Grote	P
Linda Hora	P
David Krotchko	P
Winter Lantz (North Carolina)	E

John Talbot (Florida)	E
W. Alfred Tisdale, Jr. (Connecticut)	E
James Verser	E
Je Sun Yoo	E

Corresponding & Temporary Members

Rev. Leslie Dopps-Allsopp, New Brunswick Presbytery	--
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Ruling Elders Serving on Cabinet

Amy Aaroe (Cranford, First), Presbyterian Women	--
Linwood Bagby (Elizabeth, Second), Moderator	--
Tom Hale (Springfield, First), COR	E
David Rogers (Westfield), Trustees	--
Alicia Tamilio (Pittstown, Bethlehem), EDU	--
Arthur Winter, Jr. (Cranford, First), OSCU	P

Ruling Elders Who Have Served as Moderator

John Cavicchia (Fanwood)	A
Maggie Chilton (Central) (Kentucky)	E
Alan Ford (Bethlehem)	--
Susan Krivenko (Rahway, First)	E
Barbara McLaughlan (Westfield)	P
Bonnie Ruggiero (Willow Grove)	A
Michael Young (Bethlehem)	A

Commissioned Ruling Elder (G-2.10)

Jonathan Williams (United), serving Bethel	--
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Certified Church Service: Presbytery and Certified Church Service (G-2.1102); VOICE no VOTE

RE Sara L Burke (Westfield) (Presbytery Staff), Administrative Personnel Association Level III	P
Sue Harmon (Metuchen), Administrative Personnel Association Level III	E
RE Meredith Matlock (Metuchen), Administrative Personnel Association Level III	E
RE Ruth Mikalonis (Middlesex), Administrative Personnel Association Level III [see Middlesex]	--

Certified Church Service: Certified Christian Educators (G-2.1103)

TE Chester Kim (Bernardsville) [see Bernardsville, First]	--
TE Shannan Vance-Ocampo (Watchung Avenue) [see North Plainfield, Watchung Avenue]	--

Inactive Roll (G-2.0508)

Robert A. Davis (Florida)	--
Jeff Neufeld (Georgia)	--

Others in Attendance

Elizabeth Quintero (Presbytery Staff), Terry Gleason (Oak Tree) (Presbytery Staff); Lisa Lomauro (Clinton), Jennie Rodriguez (Elizabeth, First), Rafael Rodriguez (Elizabeth, First), Claudia Heffner (Osceola), Marcena Pollitt (Fanwood), Lily Howard (Siloam Hope), Mike Rountree (Basking Ridge), Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster), Charlotte Toke (Edison, Community); Margaret Freese (Connecticut Farms), Frank Green (Connecticut Farms), Dave Morrish & Sallie Zeiner (Grow a Row), Rod Spearman; and from Watchung Avenue: Dot Fenz, Kathy & Dave Little, Gail Smith, Juan and Sophia Ocampo.

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MINUTES.

Prior to the Call to Order, presbyters gathered for a “brown-bag” dinner.

Worship.

The presbytery celebrated the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper, with a sermon by Linwood Bagby (Second), the outgoing Moderator of Presbytery. The presbytery also installed the new Moderator and Vice-Moderator, and the Stated Clerk. We observed the reading of the Necrology, and commissioned the young people and advisors who will participate in the Youth Triennium.

Call to Order.

The 659th Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Elizabeth was held on Tuesday, June 25, 2013, at the Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, in North Plainfield, NJ. The meeting was called to order at 8:01 pm (EDT), and opened with a prayer by Shannan Vance-Ocampo (Watchung Avenue) the Moderator of Presbytery.

A quorum was present.

1. The Moderator welcomed the presbytery. She spoke of the, history, life, and mission of the congregation in the community, and explained the facility.

The Moderator introduced Neal Presa (Middlesex), the current Moderator of the General Assembly. Presbyter Presa spoke of his work during his first year as Moderator, and mentioned the passage of the new translation of the Heidelberg Catechism for our *Book of Confessions*. He said he misses us.

Moderator Vance-Ocampo then thanked outgoing Moderator, Linwood Bagby, for his year of strong and pastoral service. The presbytery expressed its appreciation for his leadership as well. She also looked ahead to the coming of Cheryl Galan, our new Transitional Leader, due to begin her service with us on July 15.

She expressed that her theme for the year is “Being Easter People in a Good Friday World.” Our world is broken, especially by gun-violence, and the church is called to be a witness to this public health crisis. We have work to do and our presbytery is in a position to lead in peacemaking efforts. For example, noted author Chris Hedges is coming to do prison ministry work with the Second church in Elizabeth. Elizabeth First is also doing wonderful ministry with the Hispanic and Gay communities.

She urged the presbytery to take on peacemaking ministries during her year as Moderator.

2. First-time commissioners were introduced from the Elizabeth First, Central, Rahway, Clinton, and Willow Grove churches.

Stated Clerk.

Paul F. Rack (LOB), the Stated Clerk, presented his report, which consisted first of the following Consent Agenda for this meeting.

1. The Docket for this meeting.
2. The Minutes of the 658th Stated Meeting, with one addition: The first reading of proposed changes in the Stated Clerk Job Description, which was accidentally omitted.
3. The received applications for Excuses from attendance at this meeting.
4. The Report of the Treasurer of Presbytery. (See Appendix I.)
5. The Minutes of Presbytery Cabinet for June 4, 2013, for information. (See Appendix II.)

6. Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

The Committee has enrolled Ingrid Singh (Linden) as an Inquirer.

7. Committee on Ministry.

- a) Approve the following Administrative Commission to Ordain Candidate Edwin Estevez (Watchung Avenue) as Teaching Elder on Sunday, June 30, 2013, at 3:00 PM at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church, North Plainfield, NJ; and to dismiss him to the Presbytery of Chicago.

Teaching Elders

Shannan Vance-Ocampo (Watchung Avenue), Moderator of Presbytery, presiding
Michael Granzen (Second)
Valencia Norman (Cranford)
Margaret Mitsuyasu (Pluckemin)

Ruling Elders

Marcia Hinds (United)
Clemente Sanchez (*Nuevas Fronteras*)
Diane Ledder (Watchung Avenue)

- b) Approve the following Administrative Commission to Install Teaching Elder Donald J. Steele as Pastor of the Central Presbyterian Church in Summit, on Sunday, September 15, 2013 at 3:00 PM.

Teaching Elders

Victoria M. Ney (Springfield)
Shannan Vance-Ocampo (Watchung Avenue), Moderator of Presbytery, presiding

Ruling Elders

Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster)
Dave McCafferty (Central)
Walker Joyce (Liberty Corner)

8. Outreach and Social Concerns Unit.

Approve the following New Hope Grants:

Roselle First - \$4,250 (Establish a community garden)
Basking Ridge - \$4,000 (Meal Ministries)
Bethel - \$7,500 (Outreach)
Fanwood - \$3,000 (Meal Ministries)
Oak Tree - \$5,650 (Outreach)

9. The Minutes of the following churches have been reviewed by the presbytery:

Iselin (2012)
Cranford (2012)
Basking Ridge (2011, 2012)
Westminster (2011, 2012)
Third-Westminster (2012)
Mountainside (2011, 2012)
Woodbridge (2012)
Watchung Avenue (2011)

10. The PRISM Annual Report to Presbytery. (See Appendix III.)

11. Cabinet

Personnel Committee

Approval of Revisions to Stated Clerk Job Description (Second Reading).
(See Appendix IV.)

The Stated Clerk also appealed to presbyters for churches willing to host presbytery, beginning in September, 2013.

Nominating Committee.

Skip Winter (Cranford) reported for the Nominating Committee.

1. He placed the following names of presbyters to be elected to serve in positions in the presbytery.

Committee on Ministry

Teaching elder Matthew Davis (Lamington)	2016	Term II	
Ruling elder Claudia Heffner (Osceola)	2016	Term II	
Ruling elder Madelynne Lindsey (Oak Tree)	2016	Term I	
Ruling elder Patricia Loboda (Elizabeth First)	2016	Term I	
Ruling elder Alex Shipley (Rahway)	2016	Term I	
Teaching elder Donald J. Steele (Central)	2016	Term I	
Ruling elder Kay Hurd (Trinity United)	2015	Term I	
Teaching elder Margaret Mitsuyasu (Pluckemin)	2014	Term I	
Teaching elder Victoria Ney (Springfield)	2015	Term II	Co-chair
Ruling elder Dawn Clarke (Springfield)	2015	Term II	Co-chair

Disaster Preparedness and Response Team

Ruling elder Michael Rountree (Basking Ridge)

Cabinet

Teaching elder Cynthia Cochran Carney (Willow Grove) 2016 Term II At-large

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

2. Recognition of Presbyters' Service to Presbytery.

Presbyter Winter then presented for recognition the names of the following presbyters who are now concluding faithful service to the presbytery:

Ruling Elders

Linwood Bagby (Second), OSCU
Betty Prezzy Bryant (Third-Westminster), COM
Jon Finne (Willow Grove), COM
Alan Ford (Bethlehem), COM
Tom Hale (Springfield), COR, Cabinet
Brenda Johnson (Siloam-Hope), COR
Nancy Leardi (Metuchen), EDU
Jack Paddon (Liberty Corner), B&O
Alicia Toke (Carteret), Nominating

Teaching Elders

Robert Beringer (HR), COM
John Illian (Central), Nominating
Valencia Norman (Cranford), CPM
Neal Presa (Middlesex), Cabinet
James F. Thomas (Iselin), Cabinet

Vice-Moderator Phyllis Black assumed the chair.

Committee on Ministry.

Jim Thomas (Iselin), chair, presented the report of the Committee on Ministry.

1. The presbytery observed a Memorial Moment for teaching elder George Bonnell, who recently passed into the Church Triumphant. Presbyter Bonnell served the church in Plainfield and as a Pastoral Counselor, many years ago.
2. Presbyter Thomas also announced that teaching elder Robert Beringer (HR) is moving to Maine. Bob was Pastor in Metuchen, and served in many capacities in our presbytery over the years. His mentorship and friendship has been valuable to many in this presbytery. Though Bob will be missed, the presbytery celebrates with him this new stage in his life and wishes him godspeed.

Cabinet.

The presbytery observed a Memorial Moment for ruling elder Bruce Pereyra (Lamington), who recently passed into the Church Triumphant. Bruce was well-beloved by the presbytery, serving as Bookkeeper and informally as Information Technology guru. Dave Bomgaars (Central), the Treasurer of Presbytery, spoke of Bruce's love for the music of the 60's. Bruce took over as Bookkeeper, as an independent contractor, in 2000. He loved animals, especially black Labrador retrievers; he was mechanically adept, an outdoorsman, a computer geek, and had a love for his family. He aged gracefully with a sense of fairplay and justice. He handled his bone-marrow transplant with grace and patience. Elizabeth Quintero (staff) also recalled Bruce, especially in his last days. Sara Burke (staff) also shared some memories, especially as organizer of an annual mission trip to Pendleton County, West Virginia, with many young people. Matt Davis (Lamington) talked about Bruce's presence for people and his journey as a 12-stepper. Matt finally sang a prayer for Bruce.

Evangelism and Church Vitality Unit.

Jill Kitsko (Oak Tree), chair, led the presbytery in recognizing the new *Nuevas Fronteras* congregation, which has received a "Walton Award" from the PCUSA of \$35,000, mainly to be used for building costs.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

Ryan Landino (Calvin) reported for the Committee on Preparation for Ministry.

The committee is nominating teaching elders Sally Campbell, Bruce Schundler (and two other presbyters to be named later) as Readers of Ordination Exams. The presbytery **VOTED** to elect them and to authorize the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to select on presbytery's behalf two more readers and an alternate, reporting the names back to the presbytery at its next Stated Meeting, in September.

Adjourn.

The presbytery **VOTED** to adjourn at 9:16 pm (EDT) with a prayer/poem by Ann Weems, read by the Moderator.

Attest:

Paul F. Rack
Stated Clerk