

**Minutes of the Stated Meeting of the
Presbytery of New York City
Tuesday, January 25, 2011**

**Rev. Perry Wootten, Moderator
Elder Effie Bynum, Moderator-elect
Rev. Cornell A. Edmonds, Stated Clerk**

**Lafayette Presbyterian Church
Brooklyn, NY**

At 1:00 p.m. the Presbytery gathered in worship, led by Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer, in memory of the lives and ministries of The Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and Dr. Rosa Parks. Communion was celebrated.

CONSTITUTING THE PRESBYTERY MEETING

At 2:25 p.m. Moderator Perry Wootten opened the meeting with appreciation to Rev. Dr. Margaret Aymer. Rev. Nadine Huntermark and the worship committee were thanked for their work of making the arrangements for the Presbytery's worship service at each meeting.

Establishing a Quorum and Accepting Excused Absences

Stated Clerk Edmonds reported a quorum present of 25 minister members and 25 elder commissioners representing not less than 20 churches. *Upon motion, second and vote (m/s /v) approval was made to dispense with the reading of the names of persons of the 20 clergy members and 25 elder commissioners requesting excused absences, as reflected in the attendance record (Appendix I), and to honor the requests for excused absences along with any received today by email, voicemail or regular mail postmarked no later than January 25, 2011.*

Naming Docket Clerks for the Meeting

The following Docket Clerks were named and approved by m/s/v Rev Andy James (Chair), Elder Tina Selin, Elder Dora Johnson, Elder Nancy Neal, and Elder Rosemarie DeNapoli.

Approval of the Docket

Rev. Edmonds explained the docket presented includes times for each item, which means the item can be called as a special order of the day by request of a member. He stated the Administrative Commission for West Park Presbyterian Church does not have a report for this meeting so they will be removed from the docket. *By m/s/v the docket, as amended, was approved.* Rev. Andy James, Pastor Whitestone PC, requested the Moderator call for objections; there was one objection.

Seating of Corresponding Members and Recognition of New Elder Commissioners

Rev. Margaret Aymer, Rev. Eugene Turner, Rev. Gil Sherman & Rev. Surgeoner were seated as corresponding members by m/s/v. Members of the PMR Group, Rev. Kathy Nealand, Long Island Presbytery, and Rev. Ned Castner, Southern New England Presbytery were recognized as ongoing Corresponding Members.

Approval of the Minutes

Stated Clerk Edmonds reported that minutes of November 16, 2010 called meeting were distributed with the call to this meeting and that a request for correction was received from *Elder Adolfo Griffith to update his church membership to Siloam Presbyterian Church and his participation is as a parity elder.* Additional corrections were requested; there were none. *By m/s/v minutes of the November 16, 2010 called meeting were approved as amended.*

Rev. Edmonds reported the minutes of the November 16, 2010 stated meeting, containing the final proceedings of the September 25, 2010 stated meeting were published in the call to this meeting. a request for correction was received from *Elder Adolfo Griffith to update his church membership to Siloam Presbyterian Church and his participation is as a parity elder.* Additional corrections were requested; there were none. *By m/s/v minutes of the November 16, 2010 stated meeting were approved as amended.*

Rev Edmonds advised that reports from Council on Congregational Ministry & Nurture, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the New York Council of Presbyterian Men, and the Personnel Committee presented in the call packet to the meeting are not part of the consent agenda, do not require action, and are presented for information only (Appendix II). There are no reports for the consent agenda for this meeting.

Greetings from the Host Church

Rev. David Dyson welcomed all to Fort Greene, Brooklyn and thanked the gathering for coming in the midst of the day's snow. He invited everyone to remain for fellowship and dinner.

Report of the Standing Rules & Overtures Committee

Committee Chair, Elder Kevin McDonald, Central PC, reported for the Committee regarding the amendments to the Book of Order proposed by the 219th General Assembly (2010). ***The Committee on Standing Rules and Overtures, moves without report, approval of the Belhar Confession (Appendix III) to be added to the Book of Confessions.*** Moderator Wootten invited discussion on the Committee recommendation and advised each speaker is granted 3 minutes maximum. Rev. John Harris, Designated Pastor North PC, *rose to a point of order and stated that he thinks the vote should be on the document, not on the Committee's recommendation. By m/s/v the Moderator's ruling to vote to consider the Committee's recommendation was upheld by the body.*

Rev. Harris encouraged the adoption of the Belhar Confession.

Elder Jim Nedelka, West Park PC, the Belhar Confession speaks to people addressing God as people without labels. Rev. Euton Williams referenced the Helvetic Confession and commented on appreciating the movement of the Spirit of God in this confession.

Interim Executive Presbyter Tony DeLa Rosa requested the vote be taken by standing vote so Presbyters can stand and be counted.

Rev. Don Shriver, honorably retired, spoke in favor of the motion to adopt and commented this is a statement that not all good theology originated in Geneva or Edinburg. This is a Confession originating from the struggles of apartheid in South Africa. This Confession is African; genetic scientists now say that the earliest people come from Africa so we all come from Africa.

Elder Lloyd Johnson, guest and member of Eastchester PC, ***(as a guest he was given permission of the floor by m/s/v)*** stated as a guest he cannot stand when the vote happens because he cannot vote, however, we would like to stand in support of the Belhar Confessions and asked the vote be handled in a different manner.

Rev Jose Gonzalez, Pastor First Spanish PC, recalled the struggle of social justice in the 1980's and the stand this Presbytery took against apartheid. He sees adopting this Confession as the end of a struggle

Rev. Mary Speers, Pastor Union Church of Bay Ridge, stated her intention to vote in favor of adopting the Confession but stated her objection that while adopting this Confession has to do with the inclusion of all people, there are 51% of all people who are not represented in the language of this Confession. She objects that God is still "He" throughout the language of the Confession.

Rev. Spencer Gibbs, Interim Pastor Rendall Memorial PC, spoke in support of Elder Lloyd Johnson's request that an opportunity be provided for those present without franchise be provided an opportunity to support adoption of the Belhar Confession.

Rev. Fred Anderson, Senior Pastor Madison Avenue PC, suggested an advisory vote be taken by those without franchise who would like to make such a statement of support.

With the Presbytery's consensus that discussion had concluded, Moderator Wootten called for a standing vote. After the docket clerks completed the count, all visitors supporting the adoption of the Behlar Confession were

invited to stand in support. *By Committee motion and vote, recommendation to adopt the Belhar Confession was approved by vote of 96, 0 objections, and 1 abstention; guests were then invited to stand in support if they so desired.*

Report of the Stated Clerk

Reading of the Necrology Report by Interim Executive Presbyterian Elder Tony De La Rosa (Appendix IV). He offered a prayer of gratitude for their lives and work.

First PC of Williamsbridge Administrative Commission

The final report of the First PC of Williamsbridge Administrative Commission (Appendix V) has been received and was distributed in the call packet. The report was submitted pursuant to G-9.09.05. Questions of the A/C were invited; there were none. *A motion and second was offered to dismiss the A/C; Elder De La Rosa moved that the motion be amended to dismiss the A/C with thanks for their work in healing the First PC of Williamsbridge. Moderator Wootten invited objections to the amendment; there were none. By voice vote the amended motion to dismiss the Williamsbridge A/C with thanks was approved.*

The Stated Clerks' report reminded Sessions and Moderators that session records are due for review on the following schedule:

| <u>Review Date</u> | <u>Minutes Due</u> | <u>Borough</u> |
|--------------------|--------------------|------------------------|
| Wed. February 9 | February 2 | Bronx |
| Wed. April 13 | April 6 | Queens |
| Wed. June 1 | May 25 | Brooklyn/Staten Island |
| Wed. October 12 | October 5 | Manhattan |

Invitations to host Presbytery meetings were also requested. *By m/s/v the Stated Clerk's report was received.*

Report of the IEP

Elder Tony De La Rosa invited those who receive his emails to share them with those who do not have email. As part of his people first initiative, he lifted up Rev. Mary McNamara and offered a prayer of healing for Rev. McNamara in her current struggle with cancer. The Presbytery's Financial Officer, Elder James Tse, was greeted with applause of encouragement for his battle with cancer. Rev. Richard Blackburn and his wife were uplifted for prayer as well. All Presbyters were encouraged to attend the next healing session on February 12, 2011.

Elder De La Rosa introduced Jovanni (Jovan) Grossi, a Union Seminary Work-Study placement working most Thursdays and Fridays. Jovan is an inquirer under care of the Session of Trinity Presbyterian in Manhattan and has been a welcome presence as he works on various administrative projects under the direction of Office Manager Yzette Swavy-Lipton. Jovan is also originally from Tucson, and his return to New York City after his Christmas trip home establish a deep sense of connection to the recent tragic events in Arizona that have affected both our Church and our nation. All were encouraged to extend a welcome to Jovan.

A grateful acknowledgement of the following congregations that have affirmed their participation in the Presbytery by full payment of apportionment: El Buen Pastor, Eastchester, Throggs Neck, Fourth PC (Bronx) Riverdale, San Andres, University Heights, Bay Ridge United, Bedford Central, Beverly, Gethsemane, Crossroads, First Brooklyn, Fourth Avenue (Brooklyn), Glenmore Avenue, Homecrest, Kingslawn, Siloam, Bethel Reformed, Broadway, Central, First Chinese, Church of the Master, Fort Washington, Jan Hus, Mt. Washington, North (Manhattan), Rutgers, Second, Forest Hills, North (Queens), Queens Chinese, Ridgewood, Springfield Gardens, St. Luke's, Staten Island, Calvary and Olivet.

Representatives of these congregations were greeted with applause. Rev. Ahn of Korean Central PC was recognized with applause for his congregation's special Dr. Martin Luther King service offering of \$1000 to the Presbytery for Presbyterian mission. Another round of appreciative applause was given to the congregation

of Bethel Reformed Presbyterian Church and their Pastor, Rev. Sam Atiemo, on report of the full payment of their 2011 apportionment. *By m/s/v the Interim Executive Presbyter's report was received.*

Report of the General Council

Moderator-elect Elder Effie Bynum reported on behalf of the General Council. That the following generous invitations to host Presbytery meetings, including today's meeting, have been received and *requests the Presbytery approve the following motion:*

That the Presbytery of New York City accepts invitations from the following churches to host 2011 Presbytery meetings:

- *Lafayette Avenue PC for today's January 25, 2011 Stated Meeting;*
- *First Presbyterian Church for May 17, 2011 Stated Annual Meeting and*
- *First PC Manhattan for the September 24, 2011 Stated Meeting*

The motion was approved by vote.

On behalf of the Council, Elder Bynum moved: That the three-hour healing session with Richard Blackburn of the Lombard Mennonite Peace Center, approved by the Presbytery in November 2010 for the Stated Meeting of Presbytery on January 25th, be postponed until the Stated Meeting of Presbytery on Saturday, March 26, 2011. This action was taken because of the critical nature of the illness of Mrs. Blackburn. The motion was approved by vote with dissent.

For Information:

The General Council affirmed "Standards of Ethical Conduct" as guidelines to be used in conducting meetings of the General Council, Councils and Committees of Presbytery.

In response to a request from the Northeast Collegiums of the Synod of the Northeast, General Council members have been asked to identify significant elements of Presbyterian witness, programs and presence in the Northeast, and the various modes of support for them. A full discussion of the issues will be part of the Council's agenda for its meeting on February 15th.

By m/s/v the report of the GC was received with dissent.

Rev. Krystin Granberg, Interim Pastor at Broadway PC, moved the General Council direct the appropriate committees to together publicize in one document on a monthly basis the mission needs of the Presbytery and to continually update and inform the Presbytery. There was a second.

Rev. Krystin Granberg stated that under the current budget mission giving is to be separated from apportionment. Her congregation, Broadway Presbyterian Church, wants to support mission giving. They have received a letter from CM&N requesting support, but she knows the Presbytery also has obligations to support Holmes and Stony Point. She wants to know where mission funds will be directed and asked that the mission needs of the Presbytery be publicized in a uniform way so the churches know about current funding levels and funding needs. When Rev. Granberg was asked how this communication would be done administratively, she suggested this communication could be done by and through the General Council. **Moderator Wootten ruled this to be new business and he directed it to General Council for their attention.**

Rev. Jose Gonzales rose for a point of order relating to the reception of reports and referenced Elder Norman Bumgardner's comments at the November Stated meeting that motions to receive the various reports is redundant since the action of hearing the report is to receive it. Stated Clerk Edmonds offered a clarification that often the entire report may not be read into the official record at the meeting, but the full report has been provided in the mailed packet to members. There may be important actions taken by a Committee holding delegated powers, not requiring action of the Presbytery body, in portions of the report that are not read into the record of the meeting. It is important and necessary to retain this information in Presbytery's official records. While it may be redundant and time-consuming to read the entire Committee report into the record, it takes a few short moments for the body to act to receive the report and thereby preserve the Committee's work for the good of the Presbytery.

Rev. Pauline Haynes, member at-large, *moved that the Staten Island Fund Committee bring to the next Presbytery meeting a comprehensive report of the work, actions, and proposals of the churches for which funds have been granted. Moderator Wootten ruled this to be new business because it is not included in the docketed business for this meeting.* He suggested she send her recommendation to the General Council.

Moderator-elect Bynum moderated the next section of the meeting.

Report of the Council for Witness to Society & the World (CWSW)

Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act

Rev. Kellie Anderson-Picallo, validated ministry, and Elder Ronald Fields, Madison Avenue PC, reported for the Council. The CWSW recommends the following for approval by the Presbytery of New York City:

The Living Wage NYC Campaign is supporting legislation that would do the following. We ask that the Presbytery of New York City endorse the campaign.

- ***Guarantee that workers in large development projects receiving public subsidies are paid at least the New York City living wage of \$10 an hour***
- ***Index the living wage to inflation so that it increases every year and keeps pace with the cost of living***
- ***Require that employees who do not receive health insurance from their employer receive an additional \$1.50 per hour wage supplement to help them purchase their own health insurance***
- ***Apply the living wage guarantee to all workers at a subsidized development project, regardless of whether they are employed directly by the developer or by the project's tenants or on-site service contractors. More information is available at <http://www.livingwagennyc.org/>.***

Rev. Bob Brashear, Pastor West-Park PC, presented the following motion:

- 1. That the Presbytery of New York City endorse the Fair Wages for New Yorkers Act now before City Council (stated above) <http://www.livingwagennyc.org/>.***
- 2. That the Presbytery of New York City communicate this endorsement to the Speaker of the City Council.***
- 3. That a report of this action be communicated to the Living Wage Coalition.***

Rev. Brenda Berry, Pastor University Heights, encouraged requiring workers be paid a living wage since taxpayers often have to compensate under-paid workers through social services.

Elder Jim Nedelka also spoke in favor of the motion .

Elder Theresa Snyder, Siloam PC, requested clarification of those who would be impacted, would it provide protections for all workers or only for workers in large public projects? The Council was not able to answer this question.

With discussion concluded, ***the motion was approved by vote with dissent.***

Rev. Mieke Vandersall, validated ministry, reported that Presbyterian Welcome is sponsoring with CWSW a program for youth called "A New Heaven, A New Earth" at First PC in the City of New York. This program is in response to the bullying and torturing of teenagers who are either gay, lesbian, transgender or bi-sexual or are thought to be gay, lesbian, transgender or bi-sexual. Anti-violence training is part of this program.

For the Information of the Presbytery

The General Assembly report on the Middle East which was approved at the 2010 General Assembly Meeting. Additionally there is an article in the Washington Post about the action. More information can be found at the following links: <http://ga219.pcusa.org/news/2010/7/10/ga-approves-breaking-down-walls-report-middle-east/>; http://onfaith.washingtonpost.com/onfaith/guestvoices/2010/07/the_presbyterian_answer_to_israeli-palestinian_conflict.html

The National Council of Churches wrote an excellent statement on the Park 51 Mosque near Ground Zero. Here is a link to the statement: <http://www.nccusa.org/news/MK.cordovamosque.html>

The church has some excellent resources on human trafficking that we would recommend to churches. Here are links: <http://www.nccusa.org/NCCpolicies/humantrafficking.htm> and <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/human-trafficking/united-nations/>

We want to share with you that the United Nations will be holding the Commission on the Status of Women February 22nd through March 4th. Anyone interested in attending should contact Mark Koenig at the Presbyterian UN Office. <http://gamc.pcusa.org/ministries/un/>

With all of the bullying in schools, we are commending the work of the It Gets Better Project. <http://www.itgetsbetter.org/>. CWSW is also co-sponsoring a program with Presbyterian Welcome on youth violence and bullying on Saturday, January 29, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church in Manhattan, please see the attached flyer.

Moderator-elect Bynum deferred the Report of the Board of Trustees to after the Committee on Ministry report since no one was available to report for the Trustees.

Rev. Haynes, as a point of order, asked about who receives the reports for grants made under the Staten Island Fund. Moderator-elect Bynum stated this can come at the time for new business.

Report of the Committee on Ministry

Moderator-elect Bynum moderated this portion of the meeting. Rev. Anne Conroy, Pastor First Chinese PC, reported for the Committee. Upon Committee motion, the following 4 items were approved using a single motion as a consent agenda:

1. Dismissal of Rev. Joanne Fong

The Rev. Joanne Fong to the care of the Presbytery of Philadelphia who voted to receive her into their membership at its Stated Meeting on November 30, 2010

2. Dismissal of Rev. Soon Hee Earm

The Rev. Soon Hee Earm to the care of the Eastern Korean Presbytery who voted to receive her into their membership at its Stated Meeting on December 7, 2010

3. Validation of Ministry of Rev. Maria Felix

To validate the ministry of the Rev. Maria Felix as a Hospital Staff Chaplain at New York Methodist Hospital, effective January 21, 2001 through January 31, 2012.

4. Granting Honorably Retired Status

To grant, effective January 31, 2011 the status of Honorably Retired to Rev. Robert Helm. Rev. Helm will retire from Trinity Presbyterian Church.

Request to Amend PNYC Standing Rules

The Committee moved that the Presbytery instruct the Committee on Standing Rules and Overtures (SRO) to draft appropriate amendments to the Standing Rules calling for the Presbytery to hold an additional stated meeting during the summer months, thereby giving sufficient time to accommodate the schedules for candidates for Presbytery membership and/or ordination with adequate opportunity for their examinations. Moderator-elect Bynum invited discussion.

A member inquired about COM's intention for the purpose of the meeting. Would this be a general meeting or would activity be limited to examinations. Rev. Conroy responded that while COM has been granted the Presbytery's authority to examine and place clergy in calls, there have been concerns about doing so without having the full body participate in these act. This request is made by COM in response to concerns COM has heard from the Presbytery. Moderator-elect Bynum requested a specific answer to the specific question asked

and Rev. Conroy responded that COM does not have the authority to decide how the meeting would be structured and is asking the Presbytery to refer the matter to the Committee for SR&O.

Interim Executive Presbytery De La Rosa added that a summer meeting would allow for a time of fellowship. Also, this Presbytery has had a called meeting during June for the last two years and this would regularize a summer meeting instead of requiring a called meeting to deal with necessary business.

Mary Speers, stated that she has been a member of the presbytery for 21 years and finds she is “bothered that a large number of clergy come over the summer months.”

Rev. Euton Williams, honorably retired, former Chair of SR&O, recalled that in March 2009 the Presbytery rejected the Committee’s recommendation to hold a 6th stated meeting. The recommendation was to hold a meeting the last Tuesday of June since this would allow preparation time for another meeting. The last two summers we have had meetings on the last Tuesday in June. If the Presbytery had accepted SR&O’s recommendation in 2009, it would not have been necessary to call these meetings. Rev. Williams offered a recommendation to SR&O that they simply act on the referral to set a 6th stated meeting.

Rev. Pauline Haynes asked if this would nullify the authority of COM to make decisions on the ordination of candidates and prosecute calls during the summer months. There was no response to this inquiry.

Rev. Margaret Thomas, honorably retired, offered her emphasis as stated by Rev. Williams that SR&O addressed in their earlier recommendation that sufficient preparation time between the two meetings be allocated.

After determining that discussion was concluded, Moderator-elect Bynum called for the vote and the motion to refer was adopted with dissent.

United Presbyterian Church of Ozone Park

Action to Dissolve Pastoral Relationship

COM requests and moves that the Presbytery concur with COM’s decision of December 7, 2010 to dissolve the call with Rev. Richard Kusterbeck and the United Presbyterian Church of Ozone Park effective December 31, 2010, at their request. The motion was approved by vote.

Appoint Special Administrative Review Committee

Request that the Presbytery appoint a Special Administrative Review Committee to the United Presbyterian Church of Ozone Park, with members to be named by the Presbytery’s Moderator, charged to examine:

- ***Issues of financial questions, including Session and church records, pastoral compensation and pension payments;***
- ***Relationships with other churches nesting within the Ozone Park facility, with attention paid to the need for clear, approved, written rental agreements;***
- ***Temporary pastoral support for the congregation;***
- ***Oversight of the congregation’s impending Mission Review process; and***
- ***Presbytery’s oversight of its pastorate and Session.***

Moderator-elect Bynum invited discussion; there was none. ***By vote, the motion was approved without dissent.***

Celebration of Rev. Dr. Robert Helm upon his Honorable Retirement

Rev. Alistair Drummond, Pastor West End PC, requested a moment of personal privilege to speak about the retirement of Rev. Dr. Robert Helm as Pastor of Trinity PC. Rev. Drummond stated his appreciation for Rev. Helm’s assistance when he arrived from Scotland and called Rev. Helm a towering figure who serves those on the margins, with care.

At the request of Moderator-elect Bynum, Rev. Helm stood so the Presbytery could recognize him with a round of applause and a standing ovation. Rev. Laura Jervis, member at-large, ***moved the following resolution: Friends, Whereas, The Reverend Dr. Robert Helm has faithfully served the Church of Jesus***

Christ through the Presbyterian Church, USA as Minister of Word and Sacrament for more than 50 years, and

Whereas, the Reverend Helm has in all ways and in all places of his ministry sought to serve those who are economically poor and disenfranchised; and,

Whereas, the Reverend Helm has worked for justice through the great human rights movements of his era, displaying particular courage and fortitude during the Civil Rights Movement of the 1950s, as well as Labor Movements in West Virginia and Tennessee amid great threats to his life; and,

Whereas, the Reverend Helm has worked for peace and an end to war and violence during the wars of the second half of the 20th century, particularly those in Viet Nam and the Middle east, continuing today to speak out against the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan; and,

Whereas Dr. Helm has distinguished himself a Professor of Literature, imparting to his students knowledge, passion and the values of the Gospel; and,

Whereas, as Pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, (and throughout the neighborhood of Clinton) for 36 years, Reverend Helm has preached God's love in Word, Sacrament and Daily living: housing those who are homeless, working for justice, and always staying close to the economically poor; and,

Whereas, Reverend Helm has eschewed nationalism throughout his ministry always lifting up the global community since his days at the International Peace Camp of Agape (Italy) after World War II and exemplified in the hundreds of students from around the world who have found life changing experiences working and living at Trinity Church; and,

Whereas, in his personal life, he has exhibited kindness, humility, courage and love; and

Whereas, Bob has been a friend and comrade to his colleagues in ministry, particularly those in Clinton and the West Side of Manhattan; and,

Whereas, there is before this body an action to grant him the status of Honorably Retired,

Now, therefore on this 25th day of January in the year of our Lord, 2011, the Presbytery of New York City meeting at the Lafayette Presbyterian Church,

BE IT RESOLVED, *to commend our brother in ministry, Robert Helm, for his faithful service as Pastor, Preacher, Prophet and Teacher;*

*To grant him the status of Honorably Retired within the Presbyterian Church, USA with all attendant respect and benefits; To thank God for his witness to the love and justice of Jesus, and To encourage and support his continuing ministry among us.
There was a second and the resolution was unanimously approved by vote.*

For Information to the Presbytery

- 1. Appointment/reappointment of Moderators of Session effective immediately until a successor is appointed:**
 - Rev. John Harris, United Presbyterian Church of Ozone Park
 - Rev. Armando Sandoval, Zion Presbyterian Church

- 2. Appointment/Reappointment of Temporary Pastoral Relationships**
 - To reappoint Rev. Bayer Lee as Temporary Pulpit Supply at First Chinese Presbyterian Church for six months up to June 30, 2011;
 - To reappoint Rev. Anne Conroy as Temporary Pulpit Supply Associate Pastor at First Chinese Presbyterian Church for six months up to June 30, 2011;

- To reappoint **Rev. Luis E. Espinosa** as the full time Temporary Supply Pastor at Ft. George Presbyterian Church effective January 1, 2011 through January 31, 2012;
- To reappoint To re-appoint **Rev. Armando Sandoval** as the Temporary Supply Pastor at Zion Presbyterian Church, effective January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011;
- To appoint **Rev. Diane Lacey** as Temporary Supply Pastor at Church of Gethsemane, effective December 8, 2010 through December 31, 2011.:

Reappointment _____; Full time X Part-time: ¼ _____ ½ _____

Her compensation shall be:

Income

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| Cash salary \$41,427 _____ | Housing and Utilities Allowance \$20,991.00 _____ |
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| Social Security offset \$ 4,775.00 _____ | Medical and Pension \$19,662.00 _____ |
| Utilities if not above <u> n/a </u> | |

Reimbursable Professional Allowances and Benefits:

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| Auto Allowance \$2,250.00 _____ | Continuing Education _____ |
| Professional Expenses _____ | Vacation <u> 1 month </u> |
| Study Leave \$1,000.00, 2 weeks _____ | Transportation _____ |
| Other (Specify) _____ | |

Total Compensation: \$91,105.00

Commissions to Ordain and Install

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| Joanne Fong was ordained at 4:00 PM on Sunday, December 12, 2010 at the First Chinese Presbyterian Church. | |
| Joanne Fong Ordination Administrative Commission Members | |
| Clergy | Elders |
| Rev. J. Perry Wootten, Moderator Eastchester Presbyterian Church, Bronx | Elder Don Jang First Chinese Presbyterian Church, NYC |
| Rev. Lonnie Bryant Featherbed Lane Presbyterian Church, Bronx | Elder Luberta Mays St. Albans Presbyterian Church, Queens |
| Rev. Jose Gonzalez Colon First Spanish Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn | Elder Margaret Scott Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, NYC |
| Rev. Cathy Stilwell Calvary Presbyterian Church, Staten Island | Elder Marge Santos Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church, NYC |
| This space has been left blank intentionally. | Elder James Tse Queens Chinese Presbyterian Church, Queens |
| Corresponding Commission Members | |
| Rev. Anne Conroy First Chinese Presbyterian Church, Manhattan | Rev. Scott Jones, PHD Candidate at Princeton Theological Seminary, |
| Rev. Laura Jervis, Member at Large Presbytery of NYC | This space has been left blank intentionally. |

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| Rev. Melodee Bottari was installed as Pastor at the Olivet Presbyterian Church at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, January 23, 2011 | |
| Installation Commission Members | |
| Clergy | Elders |
| Rev. J Perry Wootten, Moderator Eastchester Presbyterian Church, Bronx | Elder Peter Changperritum, Olivet Presbyterian Church, Staten Island |
| Rev. Mary Speers Union Bay Ridge, Brooklyn, | Elder Rosemarie Napoli, Fourth Avenue Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn |

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| Rev. Ray Bagnuolo, Jan Hus Presbyterian Church, Manhattan | Elder Melanie Squillante, Church of the Covenant, Manhattan |
| Rev. Cathy Stilwell Calvary Presbyterian Church, Staten Island | This space has been left blank intentionally. |
| Rev. Carlton Knight Eastchester Presbyterian Church, Bronx | This space has been left blank intentionally. |
| Rev Carmen Rosario Ft. Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, Manhattan | This space has been left blank intentionally. |
| Corresponding Commission Members | |
| Rev. Grace Bowen, Presbytery of NYC | Elder Gregory Piwinski, Olivet Presbyterian Church |
| Rev. Liz Alexander, PNYC, Honorably Retired | Elder Chris Peet, Olivet Presbyterian Church |
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| This space has been left blank intentionally. | Elder Tony De La Rosa, Interim Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of NYC |

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| Rev. Dr. Flora Wilson Bridges was installed as Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn at 5:00 PM | |
| Installation Commission Members | |
| Clergy | Elders |
| Rev. J. Perry Wootten, Moderator Church Eastchester Presbyterian, Bronx | Elder Taylor Noguera First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn |
| Rev. David Dyson Lafayette Presbyterian Church, Brooklyn | Elder Lap Lu First Chinese Presbyterian Church, Manhattan |
| Rev. Fred Davie Validated Ministry, Presbytery of NYC | Elder Luberta Mays St. Albans Presbyterian Church, Queens |
| Rev Carmen Rosario Ft. Washington Heights Presbyterian Church, Manhattan | Elder James Tse Queens Chinese Presbyterian Church, Queens |
| Rev. Eun Joo Kim Member at Large, Presbytery of NYC | Elder Sharon Davison Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church, Manhattan |
| Rev. Cornell Edmonds Member at Large. Presbytery of NYC | This space has been left blank intentionally. |
| Proposed Corresponding Members of the Commission | |
| Rev. Dr. Franklyn Richardson, Grace Baptist Church, Mt. Vernon, NY | This space has been left blank intentionally. |

4. Resignations/Dissolutions:

- At the November 7, 2010 called meeting of the congregation at the Trinity Presbyterian Church, moderated by **Rev. Robert Helm** the congregation approved the retirement of Rev. Helm effective, January 31, 2011. He shall begin receiving his pension benefits on February 1, 2011 and he was granted permission to remain in the Manse until suitable housing is found for him;
- At the October 10, 2010 called meeting of the congregation at the Ozone Park United Church, moderated by **Rev. Richard Kusterbeck** the congregation accepted the resignation of Rev. Kusterbeck, effective December 31, 2010.

5. Permission to Labor Within the Bounds/Without the Bounds:

- **Rev. Rosalie Otters** a minister member of the Presbytery of Grace in Irving, TX permission to labor within the bounds of the Presbytery of NYC. Rev. Otters presided over a wedding on October 30, 2010.
- Permission had been granted from the Presbytery of Grace at its October 26, 2010 meeting; **Rev. Dr. James Reese** permission to labor within the bounds of the Philadelphia Presbytery effective

immediately so that he may serve as the part-time Temporary Supply Pastor at the Germantown Community Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia PA.

6. Chaplain Reports Report Received:

- From Rev. Christopher Smith

7. Moderator of Session Reports Received:

- From the session at Throop Memorial Presbyterian Church regarding **Rev. Errol Yarru**;
- From the session at First United Presbyterian Church of Queens Village regarding **Rev. Errol Yarru**;
- From **Rev. Pauline Haynes**, Moderator of Session at St. Augustine Presbyterian Church

8. Commissioned Lay Pastor Report Received:

- From Rev. Henry Fury's (advisor to Elder Peter Parris, CLP) yearly report on Commissioned Lay Pastor, **Elder Peter Parris**.

9. Exit Interviews Conducted:

- **Rev. Diane Lacey**
- Members of the Session at **Good Shepherd Faith Presbyterian Church**

10. For Information:

Receipt of a letter of resignation from COM from **Elder Sharon Davison**, and as a necessary consequence, to inform the Committee on Nomination of the vacancy so that it can be filled.

By m/s/v the COM report was received.

Moderator-elect Bynum removed the report of the Board of Trustees from the docket because no one was present to present it.

Report of the Committee for Standing Rules & Overtures

Committee Chair Elder Kevin McDonald reported on a referral from the Presbytery to consider amending the Presbytery's Standing Rules to combine CASS and the Board of Trustees into one body. The Committee does not yet have a final proposal for the Presbytery, but is updating the Presbytery on their progress. SR&O considers this as an important referral of Presbytery, which can bring the Presbytery increased clarity and unity in a unicameral structure and in all things, we proposed a spirit and practice of transparency to the challenges and the process.

Background material:

There are structural differences between the two bodies include, CASS is an ecclesial body while the Board of Trustees is a NYS not-for-profit corporation. The Board of Trustees has a great deal of autonomy. If the Board's decisions are not egregious the Presbytery has very little ability to redress. However, the Book of Order dictates that certain functions are done with oversight by the body and CASS serves this purpose. There are challenges in the process, including NYS law dictates how corporations are dissolved. The legal reality that CASS cannot be folded into the Trustees and it would be technically difficult to fold the Trustees into CASS.

Challenges in the process include:

- NYS Law regarding dissolution of corporations
- Book of Order and Ecclesiastical Responsibilities
- Standing Rules and Overtures Final Proposal to Presbytery
- There is a legal reality that CASS and the Board of Trustees cannot be "folded" or combined into one committee because of the different legal and ecclesiastical nature of the two.
- The Board of Trustees is independent, except under the requirements of NYS Corporation Law.
- CASS is under the oversight of the Presbytery of NYC

SR&O is considering a compromise:

- "New Committee" be formed with two sub-committees:

- The Board of Trustees
- CASS
- The members of the “New Committee” staff the sub-committees

Initial Membership recommendations:

- 23 Members on the Committee
- 6 current CASS members
- 9 current Trustees members
- 7 nominees who have not served on CASS or Trustees
- 23rd Member: Chair of the General Council
- A membership of 23 is recommended because NYS Corporate Law requires 2 members vote in favor when considering any real estate transaction.

The impact of this new Committee would be:

- The Board of Trustees would still operate according to NYS Corporation Law and continue to make its own decisions, accordingly.
- CASS would continue to operate as an ecclesiastical body of the Presbytery
- Same members on both subcommittees bring the opportunity for better cooperation
- In the Unicameral Structure of “New Committee” and “Sub-committees” the “Voice” of the committee would be the Chair of the “New Committee.
- It would be the responsibility of the “New Committee” in working with its “sub-committees of Trustees and CASS to present one budget to the Presbytery
- All proposals need the review of counsel.
- Among issues, the dissolving of The Board of Trustees as a NYC corporation and the resignation of the Trustees.
- Formation of a “new” Trustees Board under NYS Law as part of the “New Committee.”
- Others issues as may arise as the process continues.
- The new entity would report to Presbytery through the General Council which would provide a bit more authority over the Board of Trustees. Under this proposed format the Presbytery would have the authority to replace this committee.

Moderator-elect Bynum invited discussion.

Rev. Brenda Berry asked if there are there other presbyteries using a unicameral system. Elder McDonald stated that it is not unusual, but he has not been in conversation with other Presbyteries since this would go beyond the charge given to SR&O.

Elder Reade Ryan, First PC in the City of New York, stated his objection to the proposal since it is entirely contrary to his understanding of the referral to dissolve CASS into the Board of Trustees. He continued stating that the Board of Trustees, not CASS, has fiduciary responsibilities to the Presbytery.

Rev. Philip Newell, honorably retired and a member of SR&O, stated the Committee held hearings and they have heard the concerns of the Board of Trustees. However, CASS cannot be eliminated because there are ecclesiastical responsibilities and CASS fulfills those responsibilities.

Rev. Krystin Granberg inquired asked who is getting the legal recommendations for this proposal. Elder McDonald responded that while they are not lawyers, they are doing some of the background work. The Committee thinks that the Presbytery will want to engage legal counsel on this. Rev. Granberg encouraged hiring a lawyer and asked if hearings will be held. Elder McDondald advised that the Committee plans on holding hearings to allow for a wide input on the Committee’s recommendation.

Rev. Jon Walton, Pastor First PC in the City of New York, stated that he is “stunned by the report” and questioned some of the direction the Committee is proposing. He stated “this is not a season of trust in this presbytery.” He is concerned about the suggestion to move the Board from 18 members to 23 members and to have the old Board resign with a new Board elected. He is concerned that new members will not act like

Trustees. The current Trustees are acting like Trustees and are not willing to spend down the Presbytery's endowment. He suggested that other means of funding mission be found and encouraged leaving the Trustees alone.

Elder McDonald stated that the Committee has considered the concerns carefully and their suggestions for membership are only recommendations. The Presbytery's Nominating Committee makes the decision of who to nominate and the Presbytery votes.

Rev. Walton discouraged going forward with this proposal at this time. Elder McDonald reminded the gathering that the timing was set by the Presbytery with an original time limit of six weeks to provide a recommendation.

Rev. Andy James asked why the General Council cannot serve as the Board of Trustees and stated his opinion that the Presbytery is disenfranchised by the current system. Elder McDonald responded that the Committee discussed this idea and from a structural point this makes a lot of sense.

Rev. Marcel Welty, validated ministry, commented that "fiduciary responsibility means that you are not sticking your hands in the cookie jar; not that you have God like authority." He is concerned there is a lot of over-reaching by Board of Trustees and offered an example of the Trustees writing their own budget to present to the Presbytery at the November 2010 stated meeting. He stated that the trustees work for the Presbytery; not the other way around and suggested that we vote as a presbytery to re-write our bylaws to subsume the Trustees.

A member asked if there are different membership requirements between CASS and the Trustees and was told that CASS does not have a minimum age, but New York State requires individuals to be 18 years old to vote on issues concerning real estate.

Rev. George Todd, Executive Presbytery Emeritus, commented that Book of Order does provide that the General Council can serve as trustees, but thinks the Council has sufficient work to do. Our current bylaws & Standing Rules give each body different responsibilities, with CASS having authority to focus on providing for the mission funding of each of the other bodies of Presbytery. CASS hears from the Trustees about how much funding will be available. Additionally, CASS is assigned responsibility for stewardship. The trustees are responsible for property and their role is defined clearly by New York State laws.

Rev. Euton Williams, honorably retired, commented that he has been a PNYC member for 70 years. He encouraged the Presbytery to look at ourselves at what we are doing to each other. He stated the Trustees are the non-ecclesial body in the Presbytery and recalled a time when the Board was told to provide funding to cover a deficit. He remembered the response from then Board President, Elder Reade Ryan informing the Presbytery that since the Board of Trustees has responsibility for and authority over the endowment and the Board is not required to do with the money what Presbytery wants. Elder McDonald stated that the Committee would appreciate having Rev. Williams provide input for their deliberations.

Elder Jim Nedelka suggested a conference committee, such as is used by the US Congress, to resolve the differences between the two bodies. Moderator Wootten closed discussion on this topic and thanked Elder McDonald for his patient explanation of the Committee's work on this issue.

Rev. Pauline Haynes restated her motion moved that the Staten Island Fund Committee bring to the next Presbytery meeting a comprehensive report of the work, actions, and proposals of the churches for which funds have been granted. Stated Clerk Edmonds advised that as new business, this will be docketed for the next stated Presbytery meeting.

Joys & Concerns

Interim Executive Presbytery Tony De La Rosa lifted up the grace and dignity with which today's business was conducted.

Moderator Rev. Perry Wootten added that this has been a great meeting. He considers disagreement to be good because it means we are thinking.

Stated Clerk Rev. Cornell Edmonds lifted up the hospitality of Rev. David Dyson and the Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church and commented that the last time that we ended a Presbytery meeting early was a meeting also held in this sanctuary. He encouraged the Presbytery to permanently meet at Lafayette Avenue PC.

Rev. Diane Lacey requested prayers for Chibuze Akori. He is facing a final deportation hearing. She also invited contributions for his defense.

Rev. Ken Thomas announced the Presbytery-wide youth Good Friday worship service will be done by and for young people at 7:00 p.m. at Broadway PC. He invited all to West End PC's celebration of Black History month. Commissioned Lay Pastor Ted Hickman will be preaching. Rev. Thomas encouraged all to attend the Presbytery's Leadership Development Day which will focus on the Book of Confessions this year.

Rev. David Noble, Interim Pastor at First PC of Forest Hills, invited clergy interested in a pastoral respite program to contact him. He has spaces available for 15 or 25 clergy.

Moderator Rev. Perry Wootten encouraged all Presbyters and guests to stay for the fellowship meal provided by our host church, Lafayette Avenue PC.

Moderator-elect Elder Effie Bynum lifted up Rev. Nadine Huntermark's work on preparing the worship services for Presbytery meetings. The Presbytery concurred with a round of applause for Rev. Huntermark.

Elder De La Rosa announced that Yvette Swavy-Lipton's son, Storm James, will be swimming the Hudson River in a cancer fund-raising program in honor of Elder James Tse. Elder De La Rosa also encouraged Presbyters to start reading the materials on FOG. It will be considered at the March Presbytery meeting.

Elder Dorette Winslow, Laconia PC, thanked the body for their prayers. She and her husband Charlie came through their surgeries in good order and are recovering well.

Elder Adolfo Griffith, Siloam PC, announced that courses at NY Institute of Laity will soon be starting. He is serving as registrar for this program so all interested should contact him.

Elder Mildred McGee announced that her church, Featherbed Lane PC, is celebrating its 92nd anniversary and invited all to celebrate with them.

At 5:35 p.m. a motion to adjourn was approved by m/s/v.

Respectfully attested,

Respectfully submitted,

Elder Melanie Squillante
Journal Clerk

Rev. Cornell A. Edmonds
Stated Clerk

| CE - Commissioned Elder | | | PE – Parity Elder | | | |
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| | Church | | Name | Status | Signature | |
| 1 | Astoria | Q | Burgess, Jane | CE | A | 1 |
| | | | Cho, Choon Whe | PE | A | 2 |
| 2 | Bay Ridge United | BK | Adamski, Robert | CE | A | 3 |
| | | | Adamski, Janet | PE | P | 4 |
| 3 | Beck Memorial | BX | Williams, Hazel | CE | E | 5 |
| | | | Ray, Fluorine | PE | A | 6 |
| 4 | Bedford Central | BK | Hickman, Theodore | CE | A | 7 |
| | | | James, Wilfred | PE | P | 8 |
| 5 | Bedford Park | BX | Youn, Young | CE | A | 9 |
| | | | Rhee, Soo H. | PE | P | 10 |
| 6 | Bethel Presby/Reformed | BK | | CE | A | 11 |
| | | | Additional Commissioner | PE | A | 12 |
| 7 | Beverly | BK | Herrin, Geraldine | CE | A | 13 |
| | | | Peters, Kenneth | PE | P | 14 |
| 8 | Brick - 1641 (4) | M | Stanton, Ellsworth, III | CE | A | 15 |
| | | | Jenoure, Sara | CE | A | 16 |
| | | | Jenoure, F. Everett | CE | A | 17 |
| | | | Mason, Christopher M. | CE | A | 18 |
| | | | Batten, John "Jay" | PE | A | 19 |
| 9 | Broadway | M | Koehler, Hilda | CE | A | 20 |
| | | | Mahaney, Deborah | PE | A | 21 |
| 10 | Calvary | SI | Auer, Christine | CE | A | 22 |
| | | | Additional Commissioner | PE | A | 23 |
| 11 | Central | M | Hanson, Nils | CE | P | 24 |
| | | | Johnson, James | PE | P | 25 |
| | | | McDonald, Kevin | PE (CHAIR) | P | 26 |
| 12 | Church of the Covenant | M | Sandmeyer, April | CEt | A | 27 |
| | | | Reid, Gregory | PE | P | 28 |
| 13 | Church of the Crossroads | BK | Damiani, Paula | CE | A | 29 |
| | | | Damiani, Julio | PE | A | 30 |
| 14 | Church of the Master | M | Sherman, Cecilia | CE | P | 31 |
| | | | Parson, James | PE (CHAIR) | A | 32 |
| | | M | Bynum, Effie | PE (Mod-Elcct) | P | 33 |
| | | | Miller, Connie | PE | A | 34 |
| 15 | Christ by the Sea | Q | Ross, Michael | CE | A | 35 |
| | | | Additional Commissioner | PE | A | 36 |
| 16 | Dunton | Q | Osman, Michelle | CE | A | 37 |
| | | | Miller, Annie | CE Alt | | |
| 17 | Duryea | BK | Watson, Larry | PE | A | 38 |
| | | | Glover, Gladys | CE | A | 39 |
| | | | Additional Commissioner | PE | A | 40 |
| 18 | Eastchester | BX | Bell-Berti, Fredericka | CE | P | 41 |
| | | | Thompson, Valrie | PE | P | 42 |
| 19 | El Buen Pastor | BX | Murphy, Nydia | CE | A | 43 |
| 20 | Emmanuel | M | Huggins, William | CE | A | 44 |
| 21 | Faith | Q | Cummings, Laverne | CE Alt | | |
| | | | Lee, Jong Min | CE | A | 45 |
| 22 | Far Rockaway | Q | Johnson, Ken | CE | P | 46 |
| 23 | Featherbed Lane | BX | Purvis, Rosalie | CE | P | 47 |
| | | | McGee, Mildred | PE (GC) | P | 48 |
| 24 | Fifth Avenue – 3288 (5) | M | Radifera, Jacky | CE | P | 49 |
| | | | Fernandez, Brunhilda | CE | P | 50 |
| | | | Kroeger, Naomi | CE | P | 51 |

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| CE - Commissioned Elder | | | PE – Parity Elder | | | |
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| | | M | Lamb, Lowell | CE | P | 52 |
| 24 cont | Fifth Avenue – 3288 (5) cont. | M | Claiborne, Jerry | CE | A | 53 |
| | | | Malone, Ena | PE (CHAIR) | A | 54 |
| | | | | | | |
| 25 | First – Brooklyn | BK | Kohts, Linda | CE | P | 55 |
| 26 | First Chinese | M | Tso, Samson | CE | P | 56 |
| | | | Tsang, William | | | |
| | | | Jang, Don | PE (Treasurer) | E | 57 |
| 27 | First – Manhattan – 1138 (3) | M | Jones, Betty | CE | P | 58 |
| | | | Smith, Mary | CE | A | 59 |
| | | | Ryan, Reade | CE | P | 60 |
| 28 | First Spanish | BK | Ledee, Anna | CE | | 61 |
| | | | Ledee, Carlos | PE (GC) | A | 62 |
| 29 | Flatbush Redeemer | BK | Wiltshire, Erlene | CE | A | 63 |
| 30 | Flushing | Q | Doyle, Eleanor | CE | A | 64 |
| 31 | Forest Hills | Q | Collier, Leon | CE | A | 65 |
| 32 | Fourth | BX | Vidal, Gloria | CE | A | 66 |
| 33 | Fourth Avenue | BK | Napoli, Rosemarie | CE | P | 67 |
| 34 | French Evangelical | M | Goued-Njayack, Emmanuel | CE | P | 68 |
| | | | Amit-Priso, Daniel | PE (GC) | P | 69 |
| 35 | Ft. George | M | Velez, Lydia | CE | A | 70 |
| 36 | Ft. Schuyler | BX | Stone, Millie | CE | A | 71 |
| 37 | Ft. Washington Heights | M | Acosta, Frank | CE | A | 72 |
| | | | Miranda, Delmy | CE Alt | | |
| | | | Guidos, Haydee | CE Alt | | |
| | | | Ramirez, Maria | CE-Alt | | |
| 38 | Gethsemane | BK | Okorie, Chibueze | CE | P | 73 |
| 39 | Glen Morris | Q | Rudall, Rebecca | CE | P | 74 |
| 40 | Glenmore Avenue | BK | Pierre, Desiree | CE | A | 75 |
| 41 | Good Neighbor | M | Valle, Rosa | CE | A | 76 |
| 42 | Good Shepherd-Faith | M | Gingrich, John | CE | A | 77 |
| 43 | Hollis | Q | Charles-Perry, Ethel | CE | A | 78 |
| 44 | Home | BX | Administrative Commission | CE | A | 79 |
| 45 | Homecrest | BK | Blossom, Ray | CE | P | 80 |
| 46 | House of Hope | Q | Elder Commissioner | CE | A | 81 |
| 47 | Indonesian | M | Hermanus, Reinhold | CE | A | 82 |
| 48 | Jamaica – 543 (2) | Q | Bhagwan, Masih | CE | A | 83 |
| | | | Jones, Lavinia | CE Alt | | |
| | | | Sanders-Lane, Brunhilda | CE | A | |
| 49 | Jan Hus | M | Flynn, Kerry | CE | A | 85 |
| | | | Ireland, Gary | | | |
| 50 | Kingslawn | BK | Parris, Peter | CE | A | 86 |
| 51 | Korean Central | Q | Elder Commissioner | CE | A | 87 |
| 52 | Korean United | Q | Yung Hyun Ryu | CE | A | 88 |
| 53 | Laconia | BX | Winslow, Dorette | CE | P | 89 |
| 54 | Lafayette | BK | Neal, Nancy | CE | P | 90 |
| 55 | Living Christ | BK | Nieves, Michael | CE | A | 91 |
| | | | Frias, Osiris | CE-Alt | | |
| 56 | Madison Avenue -746 (2) | M | McFadden, Josephine | CE | P | 92 |
| | | | Davison, Sharon | CE | | |
| | | | Fields, Ronald | CE-Alt | P | |
| 57 | Manhattan Cornerstone | M | Kim, Konrad | CE | A | 94 |
| 58 | Memorial | BK | Lugo, Luis | CE | A | 95 |
| 59 | Mt. Morris Ascension | M | Olivia Williams | CE | A | 96 |
| 60 | Mt. Washington | M | Lester, Isaac | CE | A | 97 |
| 61 | Newtown, First | Q | Redican, Ann | CE | A | 98 |
| 62 | North – Flushing | Q | Spielman, Lynda | CE | E | 99 |
| 63 | North – Manhattan | M | Mathews, Dolores | CE | A | 100 |
| 64 | Olivet | SI | Santiago, Betty | CE | A | 101 |

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| CE - Commissioned Elder | | | PE – Parity Elder | | | |
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| 65 | Ozone Park | Q | | CE, | A | 102 |
| 66 | Queens Chinese | Q | Tse, James | CE (PE STAFF) | P | 103 |
| 67 | Queens Village | Q | Satchwell, Phyllis | CE | E | 104 |
| 68 | PC of the Redeemer of E Bklyn | BK | Bumgardner, Norman | PE (CHAIR) | P | 105 |
| | | | Rodriguez, Felipe | CE | | |
| 69 | Rendall Memorial | M | Hall, Marcia | CE | A | 107 |
| 70 | Ridgewood | Q | Hoffman, Arlene | CE | E | 108 |
| 71 | Riverdale | BX | McVey, Judith | CE | P | 109 |
| | | | Armstrong, Yvonne | PE, (GC-CHAIR) | A | 110 |
| 72 | Rutgers | M | Morris, Lynne | CE | A | 111 |
| 73 | San Andres | BX | Robateau, Celia | CE | A | 112 |
| 74 | Second | M | Woltjer, Johanna | CE | A | 113 |
| 75 | Siloam | BK | Snyder, Teresa | CE | P | 114 |
| | | | Griffith, Adolfo | PE (CHAIR) | P | 115 |
| 76 | Soundview | BX | Beaton, Amy | CE | A | 116 |
| 77 | Springfield Gardens | Q | Charles, Simeon | CE | | 117 |
| | | | Whitehead, Marsha | CE-Alt | P | |
| | | | Hutchins, Myra | PE (CHAIR) | P | 118 |
| 78 | St. Albans | Q | Lawrie, James Hendricks, Charles Neil, Beatrice | CE | P | 119 |
| 79 | St. Augustine | BX | Taylor, Ina Nelson, Dolores | CE | P | 120 |
| 80 | St. James | M | McQueen, Derrick | CE | P | 121 |
| 81 | St. Luke's | Q | Sanchez, Mike | CE | | 122 |
| 82 | Throggs Neck | BX | Criscuolo, Florence GarciaJoan | CE | E | 123 |
| 83 | Throop Memorial | Q | Daniels-Osuch, Monica | CE | A | 124 |
| 84 | Tremont | BX | Oppong, Godfried | CE | A | 125 |
| 85 | Trinity- Manhattan | M | Bukowski, Jacqueline | CE | P | 126 |
| 86 | Trinity United | BK | DeLosSantos, Nelry | CE | A | 127 |
| | | | Ramo, Encida | CE-Alt | | |
| 87 | Union of Bay Ridge | BK | Mossawir, Morag | CE | P | 128 |
| 88 | United of Ridgewood | Q | Sprance, Walter | CE | A | 129 |
| | | | Skane, Ellen | CE-Alt | | |
| 89 | University Heights | BX | Edwards, Dorothy | CE | A | 130 |
| 90 | West End | M | Perez-Ortiz, Pedro | CE | | |
| | | | Serline, Justina | CS-Alt | P | 131 |
| 91 | West Park | M | Nedelika, Jim | CE | P | 132 |
| | | | DeRogatis, Hope | PE (GC) CE-Alt | A | 133 |
| 92 | Westminster-Bethany | BK | Metz, Ivy | CE | A | 134 |
| 93 | Westminster-Cedar Manor | Q | Ruffin, Robert | CE | A | 135 |
| 94 | First PC of Whitestone | Q | Ankersen, Laurie Jean | CE | P | 136 |
| 95 | Williamsbridge | BX | Channer, Beverly | CE | | 137 |
| | | | Patterson, Daphne | CE-Alt | P | |
| 96 | Zion | BK | Alvarez, Florida M | CE | P | 138 |
| | | | Estrada, Ricardo | | | |
| | Presbytery of New York City | | De La Rosa, Tony | IEP | P | 139 |
| GUESTS | | | | | | |
| Elder Abrodun Adelana, St. James PC | | | Dr. David Oforti Jr., Emmanuel Reformed PC | | | |
| Carolos Corvayal, Ft. George PC | | | Elder Melanie Squillante, Journal Clerk | | | |
| Elder Douglas Howard, Rendall Memorial PC | | | Elder Eric Toodles, Westminster PC | | | |
| Nana Osei Nyarko, Emmanuel Reformed PC | | | | | | |

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56 Churches Not Represented

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| 1 st of Astoria PC | First PC of Flushing | Kingslawn PC | San Andres PC |
| Beck Memorial PC | First PC of Forest Hills | Korean Central PC | Second PC |
| Bethel Reformed PC | Fourth PC (Bronx) | Korean United PC | Soundview PC |
| Broadway PC | Ft George PC | Living Christ PC | St. Albans PC |
| Calvary PC | Ft. Schuyler PC | Manhattan Cornerstone PC | St. James PC |
| Church of the Crossroads | Ft. Washington PC | Memorial PC | St. Luke's PC |
| Christ by the Sea | Glenmore Avenue PC | Mt. Morris Ascension PC | 1 st PC of Throggs Neck |
| Dunton PC | Good Shepherd-Faith PC | North PC, Flushing | Throop Memorial PC |
| Duryea | Hollis PC | North PC, Manhattan | Tremont PC |
| El Buen Pastor | Home PC | Olivet PC | Trinity United PC |
| Emmanuel | House of Hope | 1 st PC of Ozone Park | United of Ridgewood PC |
| Faith PC | Indonesian PC | 1 st PC of Queens Village | University Heights PC |
| First Spanish | 1 st PC in Jamaica | Rendall Memorial PC | Westminister-Bethany PC |
| Flatbush Redeemer | Jan Hus PC | Rutgers PC | Westminister-Cedar Manor PC |

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Clergy Attendance

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| | Name | Status | Resident Clergy | P/A/E | | Name | Status | Resident Clergy | P/A/E |
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| 1 | Acevedo, Luis A. | Active | X | A | 36 | Bryant, Lonnie | Active | X | A |
| 2 | Abearne, Moira | At-Large | | A | 37 | Callender, Eugene S. | At-Large | X | A |
| 3 | Ahn, Chang Eui | Active | X | P | 38 | Cameron, Josephine | Active | | E |
| 4 | Aja-Sigmon, David | Active | X | P | 39 | Capers, Olivia | At-Large | X | A |
| 5 | Alexander, Elizabeth | Active | X | P | 40 | Caro, John D. | Active | | A |
| 6 | Amoah-Kuma, Kwame | Active | X | A | 41 | Chambers, Edward Hazlett | Active | X | A |
| 7 | Amstein, Charles A. | Active | X | A | 42 | Chang, Yoon-Jae | Active | | A |
| 8 | Anderson, Fred R. | Active | X | P | 43 | Chapman, Mark | Active | X | A |
| 9 | Anderson, Herbert | Active | | A | 44 | Chevalier, Roger | Active | | A |
| 10 | Anderson-Picallo, Kellie | Active | | P | 45 | Cho, Eun Sik | Active | | A |
| 11 | Ankele, John | Active | X | A | 46 | Cho, Philip | Active | X | A |
| 12 | Arkema, Carroll E. | Active | | A | 47 | Cho, Tae Won | Active | X | A |
| 13 | Atieno, Samuel | Active | X | P | 48 | Choi, Jee Ho | Active | X | A |
| 14 | Austin, Diana | Active | X | E | 49 | Cockcroft, David D. | Active | X | A |
| 15 | Austin, John Charles | Active | X | E | 50 | Collaso, Jose | Active | X | P |
| 16 | Aybar, Eliezar | At-Large | X | A | 51 | Conroy, Anne | Active | X | P |
| 17 | Bagnuolo, Ray | Active | | P | 52 | Damiani, Daniel A. | Active | X | P |
| 18 | Baldwin, Kenneth | Active | | A | 53 | Daniel, Aslam | Active | | A |
| 19 | Bartlett, Beverly Ann | Active | X | P | 54 | Dave, Fred | At-Large | X | A |
| 20 | Baugh, Constance M. | At-Large | | A | 55 | Davis, Edward | Active | X | P |
| 21 | Bekaert, Guy | Active | | A | 56 | Diaz, Ricardo | Active | | A |
| 22 | Bell, Donald C. | Active | | A | 57 | DiSalvo, Charles | Active | | A |
| 23 | Bell, James A | Active | X | A | 58 | Donnelly, Jane | Active | | P |
| 24 | Belomi-Rosario, Ruth Aimee | At-Large | | A | 59 | Dowell-Baum | Active | X | A |
| 25 | Berry, Brenda R. | Active | X | P | 60 | Drummond, Alstair J. | Active | X | P |
| 26 | Blackmon, Agnes | Active | X | A | 61 | Dunn, Katherine C. | Active | X | E |
| 27 | Boling, Ruth | Active | X | P | 62 | Dyson, David W. | Active | X | P |
| 28 | Bottari, Melodee | Active | X | P | 63 | Earm, Soon Hee | Active | | A |
| 29 | Bowen, Grace | At-Large | | P | 64 | Edmonds, Cornell A. | At-Large | | P |
| 30 | Bowers, John Carl | Active | | E | 65 | Eichenberger-Gerken, Dorothy | Active | X | E |
| 31 | Bradley, Clark J. | Active | X | P | 66 | Entenza, Antonio | Active | | A |
| 32 | Brashear, Robert L. | Active | X | A | 67 | Espinosa-Batista, Luis | Active | | P |
| 33 | Brettell, S. David | Active | X | A | 68 | Eversley, Walter L. | Active | X | A |
| 34 | Brewster, Charles E. | Active | | A | 69 | Felix, Maria | Active | X | P |
| 35 | Brown, Deswick H. | Active | | A | 70 | Ferreras, Alfredo | At-Large | X | A |

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| 71 | Fury, Henry | Active | X | P | | 109 | Kissoo, Giriharry E. | Active | X | A |
| 72 | Garcia-Mercado, Mercedes I | At-Large | | A | | 110 | Knight, Carlton | Active | | P |
| 73 | Gibbs, Spencer C. | Active | X | P | | 111 | Knowles, Louis | Active | X | P |
| 74 | Giraldo, Gustavo | At-Large | | A | | 112 | Kusterbeck, Richard | Active | X | A |
| 75 | Gonzalez-Colon, Jose G. | Active | X | P | | 113 | Kwak, Jai Hyuck | At-Large | X | A |
| 76 | Gonzalez-Rivera, Edgardo | Active | X | P | | 114 | Kwon, Dae Junn | At-Large | | A |
| 77 | Granberg, Krystin S. | Active | X | P | | 115 | Lacey, Diane | Active | X | P |
| 78 | Greenawalt, Jack C. | Active | | A | | 116 | Lang, Christiane | Active | X | A |
| 79 | Hamil, Bertha Van Der Bent | Active | | A | | 117 | Lawrence, Thomas L. | At-Large | X | P |
| 80 | Harper, Charles C. | Active | | A | | 118 | Ledger, Nancy R. | Active | X | A |
| 81 | Harris, John | Active | X | P | | 119 | Lee, Hyoung Seek | At-Large | | A |
| 82 | Harrison, James B. | Active | | A | | 120 | Lee, Seung Ik | Active | X | A |
| 83 | Haynes, Pauline R. | At-Large | X | P | | 121 | Lee, Suk Jong | Active | | A |
| 84 | Helm, Robert T. | Active | X | P | | 122 | Lindvall, Michael L. | Pastor | X | A |
| 85 | Henderson, Charles | Active | X | A | | 123 | Louer, Robert C. III | Active | X | P |
| 86 | Henderson, Katharine R. | Active | X | A | | 124 | Lowry, Boyd B. | Active | X | A |
| 87 | Hermannus-Rampengan, Alice | Active | | E | | 125 | Lui, Mathew C.S. | Active | | A |
| 88 | Herr, Ernest C. | Active | X | A | | 126 | MacCallum, C. Lee | Active | | A |
| 89 | Hill, Lisa | At-Large | X | A | | 127 | Masih, Mukhtiar | Active | X | P |
| 90 | Hostetter, Mark David | Active | | A | | 128 | Matos-Garcia, Gilberto | Active | | A |
| 91 | Huffman, M. Jean | Active | | A | | 129 | May, Grace | Active | | A |
| 92 | Hundertmark, Nadine | Active | X | P | | 130 | Mayhew, Bernard S. | At-Large | | A |
| 93 | Jackson, Helen E. | At-Large | X | A | | 131 | McCaslin, Sarah | Active | X | P |
| 94 | James, Clayton Anderson | Active | X | P | | 132 | McCloud, J. Oscar | Active | | P |
| 95 | Jenkins, Stanley J. | Active | X | A | | 133 | Meeuwesen, James W. | Active | | A |
| 96 | Jeong, Gyoung-Ho | At-Large | | A | | 134 | Merlin, Leslie | Active | X | A |
| 97 | Jervis, Laura | Active | X | P | | 135 | Merryman, William E. | Active | X | A |
| 98 | Johnston, Scott Black | Active | X | E | | 136 | Missick, Glen C. | Active | X | P |
| 99 | Kadisha, Leonard Lunga | Active | X | A | | 137 | Mitchell, Charles B. | Active | X | A |
| 100 | Kamitsuka, Arthur | Active | X | A | | 138 | Moore, Patricia A. | Active | X | A |
| 101 | Kay, James F. | At-Large | | A | | 139 | Morton, W. Scott | Active | X | A |
| 102 | Keys, Erin | Active | X | P | | 140 | Moses, John W. | At-Large | | A |
| 103 | Kim, Dong Succ | Active | | A | | 141 | Moss, Victoria | Active | X | P |
| 104 | Kim, Eun Joo | Active | X | A | | 142 | Neil, Clive E. | Active | | A |
| 105 | Kim, Kum Ock | At-Large | X | A | | 143 | Nelson, Carl B. | Active | | A |
| 106 | King, Douglas | Active | X | P | | 144 | Newell, Phillip R. | Active | X | P |
| 107 | Kingshill, Kim | Active | X | A | | 145 | Noble, David | Active | | P |
| 108 | Kiskaddon, Jean | Active | X | A | | 146 | O'Connor, Patrick H. | Active | X | A |

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| 148 | Oliver, C. Herbert | Active | X | A | | 186 | Speer, James G. | Active | X | P |
| 149 | Orr-Harter, Jan | At-Large | | A | | 187 | Speers, Mary B. | Active | X | P |
| 150 | Padilla, Alvin | Active | | A | | 188 | Stehlík, Ondrej | Active | X | A |
| 151 | Pang, Joseph | Active | X | A | | 189 | Stilwell, Cathy | Active | X | A |
| 152 | Parker, Janet | At-Large | | A | | 190 | Swearingen, Anna Taylor | Active | X | E |
| 153 | Patterson, Benjamin | Active | | A | | 191 | Talbot, Maurena R. | At-Large | X | A |
| 154 | Pease, Richard F. | Active | X | A | | 192 | Talbot, Nancy | Active | X | E |
| 155 | Pettis, Jeffrey | Active | X | E | | 193 | Tanios, Sabry | Active | X | A |
| 156 | Phelps, Stephen | Active | X | A | | 194 | Thomas, Kenneth J. | Active | X | P |
| 157 | Phillips, Donald G. | Active | | A | | 195 | Thomas, Margaret Orr | Active | X | P |
| 158 | Picon, Victor | At-Large | X | A | | 196 | Thomson, Alan C. | Active | X | A |
| 159 | Pindar, William | Active | | E | | 197 | Tisdale, Nora Tubbs | At-Large | | A |
| 160 | Prince, David | Active | X | E | | 198 | Todd, George E. | Active | X | P |
| 161 | Raska, Brent | Active | X | P | | 199 | Tse, Eson | Active | X | A |
| 162 | Raska, Erin | Active | X | P | | 200 | Twinnane, John D. | Active | | A |
| 163 | Reese, James F. | Active | | E | | 201 | Van Buren, Philip | At-Large | X | A |
| 164 | Rheem, In Whan | Active | X | A | | 202 | Vandersall, Mieke | Active | X | P |
| 165 | Rhei, Samuel C.K. | At-Large | | A | | 203 | Voelker, Theodore S. | Active | X | A |
| 166 | Richardson, James O. | At-Large | X | E | | 204 | Wahlig, Donald | Active | | P |
| 167 | Rivera, Daniel | Active | X | P | | 205 | Waldron, Lancelot | At-Large | | A |
| 168 | Robertson, Cleotha | Active | X | A | | 206 | Walker, Sylvia T. | Active | | A |
| 169 | Rosario, Carmen | Active | | E | | 207 | Waltemath, Beth | Active | X | A |
| 170 | Rosenblum, Carl D. | Active | | A | | 208 | Walton, Jon M. | Active | X | A |
| 171 | Rudden, Alyce T. | Active | X | A | | 209 | Warren, John David | Active | X | A |
| 172 | Sandoval, Armando | Active | X | P | | 210 | Weber, Randolph L. | Active | X | P |
| 173 | Santos, Noreen | Active | X | A | | 211 | Webster, Douglas | Active | X | A |
| 174 | Schult, David F. | Active | X | A | | 212 | Welby, Marcel A. | Active | X | P |
| 175 | Seaman, Carol N. | At Large | | A | | 213 | Wentroble, David | Active | X | A |
| 176 | Shafer, Byron E. | Active | | E | | 214 | West, Charles C. | Active | | A |
| 177 | Shelton, Miriam | At-Large | X | A | | 215 | West, Lynne A. | Active | X | P |
| 178 | Shoup, Richard W. | Active | X | E | | 216 | Wieser, Thomass | Active | | A |
| 179 | Shriver, Donald W. | Active | X | P | | 217 | Williams, Euton E. | Active | X | P |
| 180 | Sintumut, Pongsak | Active | | A | | 218 | Williams, G.E. | At-Large | | E |
| 181 | Sisley, John R. | Active | | A | | 219 | Wilson, Bridges Flora | Active | X | P |
| 182 | Smith, Christopher | Active | X | A | | 220 | Winbush, Robina | Active | | A |
| 183 | Smith, Paul | Active | | A | | 221 | Woodbury, Waldo B. | Active | X | E |
| 184 | Smucker, John | Active | | E | | 222 | Wooten, J. Perry | Active | | P |

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| 223 | Yang, Hi Chul | Active | X | A | | 227 | Yoo, Tai Young | Active | 227 | A |
| 224 | Yang, Samuel | At-Large | 222 | A | | 228 | Young, Darryll | Active | X | P |
| 225 | Yarru, Errol | Active | X | A | | 229 | Zarou, Andrea | Active | X | E |
| 226 | Yoo, Jesus | At-Large | X | A | | | | | | |

CORRESPONDING MEMBERS

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|----------------------|---------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|
| Rev. Margaret Aymmer | | Rev. Gilbert Sherman | U.C.C. |
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| Rev. Kathy Nealand | Long Island Presbytery | Rev. Eugene Turner | |

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Report to the Presbytery – January 25, 2011**Personnel Committee**

The Personnel Committee met on January 10, 2011

For Information:

The Committee hosted a Christmas Luncheon for the Staff of the Presbytery in the Executive Dining Room of 475 Riverside Drive on December 21. The Committee had earlier voted to offer all Staff members a Christmas gift of 3 additional Personal Days in 2011. This one time/non-carry-over gift is in recognition of the rigors experienced by the Staff in 2010, and in the absence of Staff salary increases for the past 3 years.

The Committee decided on particular arrangements and considerations for Financial Officer James Tse during his up-coming the time of intensive medical treatments and regimes. At his request, his work load will be reduced from 4 to 3 days a week, with an option to work from home as needed. The Staff and Committee will be in close communication and attentiveness to James during this time.

The Committee heard an update on the progress of the Remedial Case filed by the Stated Clerk with the Synod.

Committee discussed various aspects of the work-in-progress in two areas: 1. the revision of the Presbytery's Personnel Manual, and 2. the up-dating Staff Position Descriptions.

The Work/Study program in conjunction with Union Theological Seminary has been implemented with student Jovanni Grossi (currently under care of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Manhattan.) Jovanni works at the Presbytery office on Thursdays and Fridays.

Other areas of Committee discussion: salary equity and justice in the church, and position related training/study opportunities for the Staff.

The 2nd Quarterly Review of the Interim Executive Presbyter will take place at the February 17 meeting of the Committee. (The IEP requested quarterly reviews with the Personnel Committee at the time of accepting this call.) Any member of the Presbytery who would like to offer considerations to be included in this Review is invited to speak with a member of the Personnel Committee.

The Personnel Committee currently has two vacancies, both the the 2012 term.

Jo Cameron, Chair

Elder Sara Hurst Jenoure '11
(vacancy) '12

Elder Sarah Moody '13

Rev. Don Shriver '11
(vacancy) '12

Rev. Nadine Hundertmark '13

CTE ON PREPARATION FOR MINISTRY

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 1. D. Jane Duffield
Church: First Presbyterian Church (Manhattan)
Session Liaison: Patricia Nunez
CPM Liaison: Andy James

If there are any questions about preparation for ministry matters, including persons interested in pursuing ordination as ministers of Word and sacrament, please contact the CPM Chair, Rev. Andy James, at (718) 746-7858 or andy.james@mac.com.

CM&N Report for January 2011 Presbytery Meeting

Leadership Development Day

Leadership Development Day (formerly Officers' Training Day) will be on Saturday, February 26, 2011, at Brick Presbyterian Church from 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. including continental breakfast and lunch. Starting the program for the day will be a plenary session introducing the Book of Confessions led by the Rev. Dr. Katharine Henderson, President of Auburn Theological Seminary and minister member of New York City Presbytery. There will be a series of new workshops including ones on the Form of Government, Parliamentary Resources, Constitutional Questions, Session Records, Grant Writing, Media and Resilience, and Presbyterian Women By-laws. For more information see the flyer included in this packet.

Budget for 2011

CM&N has a budget for 2011 of \$80,750 with only \$50,000 of it funded by the Presbytery. The Council must depend on the generosity of the congregations of the Presbytery to designate the balance of \$30,750 from their benevolence budgets. A letter has been sent to all congregations with an appeal to support the mission program of CM&N with donations from their benevolence budgets. In particular the following projects are to be funded by designated mission giving from congregations: support of youth ministry, grants to congregations, and support of ethnic fellowships.

The CM&N program for 2011 includes a number of vital mission projects:

Annual training events – Leadership Development Day and Congregational Resources Day

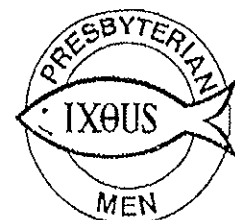
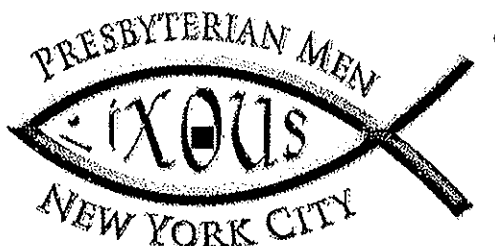
New church development – Support and training programs for ethnic fellowships enabling them to become chartered congregations of the Presbytery

Presbytery-wide youth program – Educational, spiritual, recreational, and fellowship events

Vacation Church School program – Grants to congregations for VCS materials

Small Church Consultation – A special event to consider issues faced by small congregations

Grants to congregations for special programs – One time grants for special outreach or development activities



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President's Final Report

Peace and Greetings in the Wonderful Name of our LORD and Savior Jesus Christ!

As this is being written we've had a light, and in some places a heavier, dusting of snow, and temperatures have dropped, and it feels like more than 16 degrees below zero. Brown trees, and the wind-whipped Hudson, belie the beauty of bright, clear blue skies. It should be dismal grey, instead of the joyful representation of God's creation we're enjoying!

It is impossible to feel sad or dismal at such a time as this.

The New York City Council of Presbyterian Men is grateful to you. You have made us strong in our contributions to this Presbytery.

Our annual events are all well-attended. Out Brunches have seam-bustin' attendees. Thank you. Our concerts are similarly participated. Thank you. And, our "Conference for A New Millennium," grows each year. Thank you.

Even "The President's Round Table," our renamed annual planning retreat, grew as we announced it. It now includes our wives, children, grandchildren, and at \$10.00, per person, for a day up at Holmes Presbyterian Camp & Conference Center, including food, drink, and the celebration of the Eucharist, we predict that day-in-the-country will become a very well-attended destination in years to come!

Everyone is, of course, welcome as they are to all of our events!

In truth, this is less of a Report, than it is the look-back over my shoulders, and the musings and ramblings of an out-going leader; so, please forgive me.

God Bless each and everyone of you, during and after this wonderful season of celebrating our Savior's entrance into this world, through God's magnificence.

‡ One Mission, three Ministries.

Mission: Waters for the World

Ministry: MMRT Men's Ministry Resource Team

Ministry: Pre-Incarceration Diversion

Ministry: Prison /Re-Entry

Mission: We supported two Clean Water Purification Systems on the island nation of Madagascar, off the south-eastern coast of Africa. Last year's Concert, dedicated its proceeds, and obtained another clean water purification system for Haiti, well before the 2010 earth-quake.

All of our efforts are small, but they are sincerely appreciated by those in the affected region. Three years ago, the New York City Council was awarded a Proclamation of Appreciation from the people of Madagascar, presented by their United Nations Ambassador.

Support for National/International Clean Water/Sanitation Efforts: We join with USAID, Living Waters for the World, and the Christian Water and Sanitation Working Group to obtain, repair, and install Clean Water Purification Systems in Haiti. We also join in public affairs efforts of these groups to make information available to specific legislators and decision-makers in Washington so that they do more to provide potable water.

Ministry: MMRT. Our notion is that Bible studies drive our growth and the development of our men's ministries across the city. Some say even evangelism is an off-shot, perhaps; but we realize that we cannot do everything. So, we try to do little bits at the margins, and help how we are able. Wonderful things happen during our interaction with the disparate groups of men in the different boroughs, who are trying to get to God. What was never expected was that we change, as well.

We officially planted six Men's Ministries and Bible Studies, and unofficially, assisted severally others. We provided materials in French in one church of predominately French-speaking congregants, and also in a church of Spanish-speaking congregants. There are three in the Bronx, one in Brooklyn, one in Manhattan, one in Queens. We have brought countless 'Moments of Mission,' Session, individual, and church awards, and counseling efforts to many other churches.

We are developing "Pastors Without Borders" and an Institute for Spiritual Growth and Development, through a team of several pastors. We provide the services of several pastors to the 100 plus year-old Bowery Mission to preach there monthly.

Ministry: **Pre-Incarceration Diversion:** In the Spirit of the Children (Home furnishings-plates, curtains, dishes, a new sofa, silverware, two microwave ovens,

glasses, comforters and sheets, to aged-out foster-care youngsters placed in homes by this group of volunteers)

Play David Network-A City-wide ministry of matching students with musical instruments.

We are developing a Presbyterian Men's Basketball League. Participated in PNYC's Youth Council's Basketball tournament.

Ministry: Prison/Re-entry: Gethsemane PC- gave a computer, monitor, printer, and digital camera, and provided mentors. We attended several Prison/Re-entry Conferences.

Presbytery and secular support: We support and participate in PNYC's Prison Working Group, and other organizations like I-CARE and others, seeking justice for the families of the formerly incarcerated. Provided liaison, and supported legislation repealing telephone injustice and other issues.

‡ **New York City Council of Presbyterian Men's Annual Calendar:**
We have four annual events. In recent years an erroneous and unfortunate bit of information has surfaced. Women are ENCOURAGED to attend our events. Women have received many awards – Leadership, Service, Innovator, and President's Awards, for example - in their own right, from Presbyterian Men, as they will again next year. So please correct this erroneous information when you hear it!

Presbyterian Men's May Brunch and Awards Program, wherein those recognized by their peers, and others, while working in the vineyard across Metropolitan New York, gather. Categories include, Leadership, Service, Youth, Partnership, Innovator, Legend, President's Award, and the Man of the Year. First Saturday in May. Requested donation \$20.

We don't have money for our Brunches. That is a simple fact. Each year we begin, pre-Brunch, biting out nails, wondering whether we'll have your support, can we print the Journal, will folks buy sufficient ads, will we have enough to buy bible studies and other materials to leave with our Men's groups [and congregations]? Each year, we pray, each year, you pray with us, and you are there with us!

We ask host churches if they can help us. We tell 'em "We can't pay you anything." Okay?

They've said "Yes." Because they have said "Yes," and because of your tremendous support since the end of 2007, we've been able to, in turn, contribute to that particular local congregation's Women's, Men's and/or Youth Ministries some \$1,300.00, or more. Truly, a Loaves and Fishes story. We have Partnered with the Korean Caucus, for our very first large-scale Brunch, at Faith Presbyterian Church in Maspeth (Queens), a relationship which continues, and we have on-going discussions with other caucuses, as well.

President's Round Table -- our renamed annual planning retreat, at Holmes Camp & Conference Center. It now includes wives, sons and daughters, children and grandchildren, and has an extremely modest cost of \$10 per attendee! Second Saturday in August.

Waters for the World Concert – All proceeds go to Clean Water Purification Systems. \$20.

A spin-off this Presbyterian Men's effort are the many concerts happening at local congregations, as a result of folks participating with our Concerts. Notably, at Siloam PC, Jazz Stylist Tulivu-Donna Cumberbatch has been producing several Haitian-benefit concerts this Fall. Ms. Cumberbatch first volunteered to assist us back in 2008, and in addition to working in and around Metropolitan New York, has done these series of benefit concerts. Wonderful!

A Conference for a New Millennium – A Free Conference of Christian Development, Spiritual Development, Living Skills, and Leadership Development. This is scary. The participation of so many experts and leaders in and out of the Presbytery, coming together to provide in-depth knowledge and experiences for our Presbyters and others, is humbling. Second Saturday in December.

The listing is very interesting, remember, these events happen on Saturdays! Just from this year's Flyer:

Our Panel topics are: Christian Ethics; Christians and Muslims: Living Together in Peace in a Multicultural World; Saving Our Youth and Societal Reentry; Financial Literacy; and Spiritual Growth and Development through Men's Ministries. We are honored again this year to have a distinguished array of panelists. Michael Lindvall, Senior Pastor of Brick Presbyterian Church, will serve as Conference Facilitator and will also be a Panelist on the "Christians and Muslims: Living Together in Peace in a Multicultural World" panel.

Others panelist include: Tony De La Rosa, Interim Executive Presbyter of the Presbytery of the City of New York; Commissioner Patricia Gatling of the New York City Commission on Human Rights; Dr. Donald W. Shriver (President Emeritus, Union Theological Seminary); Rev. Dr. Cleotha Robertson, Pastor, Soundview PC; Rev. Dr. Mark Chapman, Dept Head, Fordham University/Pastor Hollis PC;

Author and Missionary Rev. Dr. Kenneth Thomas; Rev. Dr. James Renwick Jackson (President Emeritus and Founder of St. Mary's College); Rev. Dr. Phillip Newell; Rev. Dr. Jill Schaeffer; Rev. Charles Atkins, Jr., MDiv, MA, Office of Chaplaincy Services, NJ Department of Corrections; Professor Robert McCrie, John Jay School of Law; Rev. Dr. Glen Missick; and Elder Joshua Kim. We have

also extended an invitation to Kings County District Attorney Charles Hynes, who was a panelist at the NYCCPM's 2008 Annual Conference.

‡ **Special Note: If you need a face-to-face meeting with a representative of Presbyterian Men, we will be in the PNYC's Transition Office in the afternoons of every first Wednesday and Thursday of each month.**

‡ **Web-Spaces:** We have two web-spaces: one is generally-produced for Presbyterian and Presbyterian-related information, but includes RSS feeds from, NPR, CNN, and SNL. It is a very eclectic site, very dense with music, hymns, interviews, PCUSA information, among other information.

The other web-space contains information that is produced by the New York City Council of Presbyterian Men, called Presbyterian Men Television. It has interviews of our Legends, Personalities, like Dr. Don Shriver, Reverend Michael Lindvall, Dr. Robert Washington, Dr Mark Chapman, Dr. Cleo Robertson, Dr. Robert Washington, Dr. Perry Wootten, and many others.

It also has our concerts, brunches, conferences, and the like posted on it for your convenience! It also has a raft of photographs taken over the years from many of our events, as well as nominating information that was never used. And, all of it downloadable!

‡ **FMK-NY:** At the invitation of the Ambassador of Madagascar, we participated in the Malagasy Christian Church's (FKM-NY) Service of Inauguration at the Second Presbyterian Church in Elizabeth, New Jersey. FKM-NY is a partner of PCUSA, and its home region in Madagascar is a recipient of two Clean Water Purification Systems from the New York City Council of Presbyterian Men.

In attendance was the President of Madagascar.

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‡ **Future Brunch Locations and contacts:**

2011 – Eastchester PC – J. Perry Wootten, Lloyd R. Johnson
2012 – Hollis PC – Mark Chapman
2013 – Church of The Master – James Belle, Michael Anglin, Freddie Bunn
2014 – St. James – Charles Jones
2015 – Biennial National Men’s Gathering in New York City – Greg Reid is
General Chairman of our New York City Host Committee- Needs to meet in
2011.

It has been a pleasure,

God Bless,
Gilbert Sherman

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CPM Liaison: Andy James

If there are any questions about preparation for ministry matters, including persons interested in pursuing ordination as ministers of Word and sacrament, please contact the CPM Chair, Rev. Andy James, at (718) 746-7858 or andy.james@mac.com.

Report to the Presbytery – January 25, 2011**Personnel Committee**

The Personnel Committee met on January 10, 2011

For Information:

The Committee hosted a Christmas Luncheon for the Staff of the Presbytery in the Executive Dining Room of 475 Riverside Drive on December 21. The Committee had earlier voted to offer all Staff members a Christmas gift of 3 additional Personal Days in 2011. This one time/non-carry-over gift is in recognition of the rigors experienced by the Staff in 2010, and in the absence of Staff salary increases for the past 3 years.

The Committee decided on particular arrangements and considerations for Financial Officer James Tse during his up-coming the time of intensive medical treatments and regimes. At his request, his work load will be reduced from 4 to 3 days a week, with an option to work from home as needed. The Staff and Committee will be in close communication and attentiveness to James during this time.

The Committee heard an update on the progress of the Remedial Case filed by the Stated Clerk with the Synod.

Committee discussed various aspects of the work-in-progress in two areas: 1. the revision of the Presbytery's Personnel Manual, and 2. the up-dating Staff Position Descriptions.

The Work/Study program in conjunction with Union Theological Seminary has been implemented with student Jovanni Grossi (currently under care of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Manhattan.) Jovanni works at the Presbytery office on Thursdays and Fridays.

Other areas of Committee discussion: salary equity and justice in the church, and position related training/study opportunities for the Staff.

The 2nd Quarterly Review of the Interim Executive Presbyter will take place at the February 17 meeting of the Committee. (The IEP requested quarterly reviews with the Personnel Committee at the time of accepting this call.) Any member of the Presbytery who would like to offer considerations to be included in this Review is invited to speak with a member of the Personnel Committee.

The Personnel Committee currently has two vacancies, both the the 2012 term.

Jo Cameron, Chair

Elder Sara Hurst Jenoure '11
(vacancy) '12

Elder Sarah Moody '13

Rev. Don Shriver '11
(vacancy) '12

Rev. Nadine Hundertmark '13

10-2 CONFESSION OF BELHAR

On Amending *The Book of Confessions* (Item 16-12)

The 219th General Assembly (2010) directed the Stated Clerk to send the following proposed amendment to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes:

Shall *The Book of Confessions* be amended by adding the Confession of Belhar following A Brief Statement of Faith—Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and its accompanying documents? The “Accompanying Letter” and scriptural references to the confession should be printed with it without confessional status if this proposal is adopted. [The text of Confession of Belhar is found on page 6 of this booklet.]

Background and Rationale

The process of preparing our church for the possibility of adopting the Confession of Belhar began with a task force reporting to the General Assembly in 2004. The Office of the General Assembly response to the Task Force to Study Reparations advised, and the General Assembly approved, that one part of the report be answered by commending “...the Belhar Confession to the church as a resource for reflection, study, and response, as a means of deepening the commitment of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to dealing with racism and a means of strengthening its unity ...” (*Minutes*, 2004, Part I, p. 701). The General Assembly also urged “... each presbytery and all congregations to undertake a study of the Belhar Confession before the 218th General Assembly (2008) ... [and directed] the Office of the General Assembly and the General Assembly Council, Office of Theology and Worship, to receive response, prepare a summary, and report results ... with possible recommendations for further engagement with the Belhar Confession...” (*Ibid.*, p. 701). In 2008, the General Assembly called for the creation of a special committee to study whether the Belhar Confession should be adopted into *The Book of Confessions* (*Minutes*, 2008, Part I, p. 1262–70).

The Special Committee on the Belhar Confession unanimously and enthusiastically recommended that the 219th General Assembly (2010) approve the inclusion of the Confession of Belhar in *The Book of Confessions*, and that the amendment be sent to the presbyteries for their affirmative or negative votes by June 2011.

The Special Committee offered these reasons for adopting a new confession:

1. *Why Should the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Adopt the Confession of Belhar?*

The Confession of Belhar confesses the Christian faith powerfully, touching hearts especially at those places where we are struggling today to be faithful.

2. *Reconciliation and Unity*

... the PC(USA) is preoccupied with questions about the unity of the church. The Confession of Belhar both reassures and challenges us when it speaks of Christ’s work of reconciliation being made visible in the church:

We believe ... that unity is, therefore, both a gift and a obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God’s Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain; ... that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God; that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church. ([from the Belhar Confession] As printed in the *Minutes*, 2008, Part I, pp. 1265–66)

The Confession of Belhar describes the active and practical ways in which unity must be expressed in loving service to one another. It thus reminds us that the confession emerged in 1980s from a South African Reformed community whose leaders and members had been oppressed because of their race and imprisoned for their resistance to their nation’s

legally mandated system of apartheid, a strict segregation of people of different racial and ethnic backgrounds. Their “mother-church” of European immigrants had divided the Reformed Christians of South Africa into four distinct churches according to the system of apartheid: one for the descendants of white colonials like themselves, one for descendants of immigrants from Asia, one for those of mixed race (the church that produced the Confession of Belhar), and one for black Africans. Their mother-church taught that apartheid was justified on the basis of Scripture and that it properly allowed people of different races and cultures to have their own separate development. In 1982 the World Alliance of Reformed Churches declared this reading of Scripture heretical. Subsequently, the Confession of Belhar was written to provide a strikingly different biblical view of the church and insists on its unity across all racial and cultural divides. The confessing community was bold and courageous in directly defying the unjust laws of church and state, echoing at times the Theological Declaration of Barmen confession, and remarkably gracious in its focus on God’s love and justice. We remember that the church of mixed-race people acted on their convictions by merging with that of the black Africans. Then, in an astonishing gesture of forgiveness, they invited the white and Asian churches to join them in one Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa. That unification process has not yet reached completion, but unity is still being pursued.

The gift of unity and the obligation to pursue the unity of the church were both accepted by those who wrote the Confession of Belhar with the full knowledge that they would pay a heavy price in suffering. The authors, who themselves represented different racial backgrounds, lived out this reconciliation in the crafting of this confession. The confession challenges us as we realize that it is not armchair theology but costly grace experienced in faithful obedience to Jesus Christ. If we are to be faithful to the Gospel, we also must accept this gift and obligation with the full knowledge that they will be costly in many ways. This confession expresses clearly our own church’s longing for unity across barriers we see in our own situation of different spiritual gifts, backgrounds, convictions, languages, and cultures, both within our church and across denominational lines. We long for concrete testimony of the reconciliation and mutual service in the one church of Jesus Christ. The Confession of Belhar reassures us with its confidence that the good news of Jesus Christ offers hope, liberation, salvation, and true peace.

3. *Justice*

Our church is preoccupied with questions of justice, certainly including racial justice. As we read the Confession of Belhar, we remember that not long ago our own church struggled with overt and even legal racial segregation in church and state. Within the living memory of many of our church members, African American Christians were turned away from white congregational worship and communion; protesters against segregation in civil society were beaten and killed by police and supporters of the existing social structure. We identify profoundly with the struggle in South Africa to defeat apartheid at least partly because we see in that struggle our own story. Our church members, along with many other citizens, protested and boycotted in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in South Africa. We felt the unity of the church across the globe in a special way. Today, like those in South Africa, we celebrate the remarkable transformation of our societies with the lowering of legal barriers; yet we mourn the painful legacies of long years of segregation. Inequalities of resources of education, of health care, of employment opportunities, of respect by society, have left both our societies with vast gaps between the life possibilities of the dominant white society and those of people of color. Recent political discourse has alerted us to the degree to which racism remains alive in our national life and lays a responsibility upon the church to address it.

Again, the Confession of Belhar both reassures and challenges our church. It reassures us that God is active in bringing justice and true peace in the world, and that when we stand with the oppressed, the poor, the orphans and widows, the stranger, and the prisoner, we stand with God. The confession challenges us to take that stand with God.

We believe...that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others. (as printed in the *Minutes*, 2008, Part I, p. 1267)

At present, *The Book of Confessions* represents well our historical connection with European theology and our own confessing on the American scene. But it lacks any witness to our profoundly significant theological bonds with churches on other continents. It would be appropriate to select the Confession of Belhar for inclusion as such a witness both because of our church’s sense of identification with the struggle for church unity and for racial justice that it represents, and also because it declares the Gospel powerfully to us in our own present situation.

The Confession of Belhar is increasingly recognized and respected by the church outside South Africa. It reflects major themes of the Reformed tradition: its deep biblical roots, its high Christology and Trinitarian theology, its emphasis on the sovereignty of God over all creation, its commitment to seek the visible unity of the church as the body

of Christ in whom the walls of hostility are broken down, its call for justice for all of humanity, its conviction that in our common baptism in the one Lord and one faith all have been empowered by the Holy Spirit to the ministry of reconciliation.

This confession has been granted confessional status by some Reformed churches in Europe [Germany and Belgium], Africa, and the Caribbean [the Dominican Republic]. Two of our sister Reformed churches in North America are in the process of adopting it; the Reformed Church in America and the Christian Reformed Church in North America. Many of our own church members know and identify strongly with this confession. It is being taught in our seminaries and being used in worship in some of our congregations. In this sense it already plays a role in our church's life. With its formal adoption, we expect the themes of this confession to permeate the life of our denomination in its liturgy, its theological and missional reflections, and its training of church officers, just as has happened with more recent confessions such as the Theological Declaration of Barmen, the Confession of 1967, and A Brief Statement of Faith. We are indebted to this confession for its reassurances and its challenges to shake us out of our comfort and strengthen us to make a bolder and more faithful witness to the Gospel. (*Minutes*, 2010, Part I, p. 1214--15)

The Advocacy Committee on Racial Ethnic Concerns (ACREC) and the Advocacy Committee on Women's Concerns (ACWC) both recommended the approval of Confession of Belhar.

The 219th General Assembly (2010) approved these amendments to the motion to send the Belhar Confession to the presbyteries for their votes:

Scripture references should be added by footnotes, using those references found in earlier versions of the Belhar Confession published by the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa. The "Accompanying Letter" customarily included with the Belhar Confession should be printed in *The Book of Confessions* as a background document without confessional status. (*Minutes*, 2010, Part I, p. 1213) [Scriptural Allusions may be found on page 9.]

To direct the Office of Theology and Worship to create a fully inclusive language version of the Belhar Confession for the web similar to the inclusive language version of the Confession of 1967. (*Minutes*, 2010, Part I, p. 1214)

The vote of the Theological Issues and Institutions Committee (16) on the proposed amendment was 43/11/1. The 219th General Assembly (2010) approved the committee's recommendation by a vote of 525/150/3. (*Minutes*, 2010, Part I, pp. 8, 9--10, 1213--19) For the full report go to <http://www.pc-biz.org/Explorer.aspx?id=3353&promoID=174>.

CONFESSION OF BELHAR

September 1986*

- 11.1. **We believe** in the triune God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects and cares for the church through Word and Spirit. This, God has done since the beginning of the world and will do to the end.
- 11.2. **We believe** in one holy, universal Christian church, the communion of saints called from the entire human family.

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;¹
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;²
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted;³
- that this unity of the people of God must be manifested and be active in a variety of ways: in that we love one another; that we experience, practice and pursue community with one another; that we are obligated to give ourselves willingly and joyfully to be of benefit and blessing to one another;⁴ that we share one faith, have one calling, are of one soul and one mind; have one God and Father, are filled with one Spirit, are baptized with one baptism, eat of one bread and drink of one cup, confess one name, are obedient to one Lord, work for one cause, and share one hope; together come to know the height and the breadth and the depth of the love of Christ; together are built up to the stature of Christ, to the new humanity; together know and bear one another's burdens, thereby fulfilling the law of Christ that we need one another and upbuild one another, admonishing and comforting one another; that we suffer with one another for the sake of righteousness; pray together; together serve God in this world; and together fight against all which may threaten or hinder this unity;⁵
- that this unity can be established only in freedom and not under constraint; that the variety of spiritual gifts, opportunities, backgrounds, convictions, as well as the various languages and cultures, are by virtue of the reconciliation in Christ, opportunities for mutual service and enrichment within the one visible people of God;⁶
- that true faith in Jesus Christ is the only condition for membership of this church;

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which absolutizes either natural diversity or the sinful separation of people in such a way that this absolutization hinders or breaks the visible and active unity of the church, or even leads to the establishment of a separate church formation;
- which professes that this spiritual unity is truly being maintained in the bond of peace while believers of the same confession are in effect alienated from one another for the sake of diversity and in despair of reconciliation;
- which denies that a refusal earnestly to pursue this visible unity as a priceless gift is sin;
- which explicitly or implicitly maintains that descent or any other human or social factor should be a consideration in determining membership of the church.

11.3. We believe

- that God has entrusted the church with the message of reconciliation in and through Jesus Christ; that the church is called to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world; that the church is called blessed because it is a peacemaker; that the church is witness both by word and by deed to the new heaven and the new earth in which righteousness dwells.⁷
- that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit has conquered the powers of sin and death, and therefore also of irreconciliation and hatred, bitterness and enmity; that God's lifegiving Word and Spirit will enable the church to live in a new obedience which can open new possibilities of life for society and the world;⁸
- that the credibility of this message is seriously affected and its beneficial work obstructed when it is proclaimed in a land which professes to be Christian, but in which the enforced separation of people on a racial basis promotes and perpetuates alienation, hatred and enmity;
- that any teaching which attempts to legitimate such forced separation by appeal to the gospel, and is not prepared to venture on the road of obedience and reconciliation, but rather, out of prejudice, fear, selfishness and unbelief, denies in advance the reconciling power of the gospel, must be considered ideology and false doctrine.

Therefore, we reject any doctrine

- which, in such a situation sanctions in the name of the gospel or of the will of God the forced separation of people on the grounds of race and color and thereby in advance obstructs and weakens the ministry and experience of reconciliation in Christ.

11.4. We believe

- that God has revealed himself as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people;⁹
- that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged;

- that God calls the church to follow him in this; for God brings justice to the oppressed and gives bread to the hungry;
- that God frees the prisoner and restores sight to the blind;
- that God supports the downtrodden, protects the stranger, helps orphans and widows and blocks the path of the ungodly;
- that for God pure and undefiled religion is to visit the orphans and the widows in their suffering;¹⁰
- that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right;
- that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream;¹¹
- that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.

Therefore, we reject any ideology

- which would legitimate forms of injustice and any doctrine which is unwilling to resist such an ideology in the name of the gospel.

11.5. We believe that, in obedience to Jesus Christ, its only head, the church is called to confess and to do all these things, even though the authorities and human laws might forbid them and punishment and suffering be the consequence.¹²

Jesus is Lord.

To the one and only God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be the honor and the glory for ever and ever.

Endnote

* This is a translation of the original Afrikaans text of the confession as it was adopted by the synod of the Dutch Reformed Mission Church in South Africa in 1986. In 1994 the Dutch Reformed Mission Church and the Dutch Reformed Church in Africa united to form the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa (URCSA). This inclusive language text was prepared by the Office of Theology and Worship, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Section numbers are OGA suggestions based on the document's five original sections and the numbering from *The Book of Confessions*.

SCRIPTURAL ALLUSIONS

Section 11.2.

1. Eph. 2:11–22
2. Eph. 4:1–16
3. Jn. 17:20–23
4. Phil. 2:1–5; 1 Cor. 12:4–31
5. Jn. 13:1–17; 1 Cor. 1:10–13; Eph. 4:1–6; Eph. 3:14–20; 1 Cor. 10:16–17; 1 Cor. 11:17–34; Gal. 6:2; 2 Cor. 1:3–4
6. Rom. 12:3–8; 1 Cor. 12:1–11; Eph. 4:7–13; Gal. 3:27–28; Jas. 2:1–13

Section 11.3.

7. 2 Cor. 5:17–21; Mt. 5:13–16; Mt. 5:9; 2 Pet. 3:13; Rev. 21–22
8. Eph. 4:17–6:23; Rom. 6; Col. 1:9–14; Col. 2:13–19; Col. 3:1–4:6

Section 11.4.

9. Deut. 32:4; Lk. 2:14; Jn. 14:27
10. Eph. 2:14; Isa. 1:16–17; Jas. 1:27; Jas. 5:1–6; Lk. 1:46–55; Lk. 6:20–26; Lk. 7:22; Lk. 16:19–31
11. Ps. 146; Lk. 4:16–19; Rom. 6:13–18; Am. 5

Section 11.5.

12. Eph. 4:15–16; Acts. 5:29–33; 1 Pet. 2:18–25; 1 Pet. 3:15–18

ACCOMPANYING LETTER¹

1. We are deeply conscious that moments of such seriousness can arise in the life of the Church that it may feel the need to confess its faith anew in the light of a specific situation. We are aware that such an act of confession is not lightly undertaken, but only if it is considered that the heart of the gospel is so threatened as to be at stake. In our judgment, the present church and political situation in our country and particularly within the Dutch Reformed Church family calls for such a decision. Accordingly, we make this confession not as a contribution to a theological debate nor as a new summary of our beliefs, but as a cry from the heart, as something we are obliged to do for the sake of the gospel in view of the times in which we stand. Along with many, we confess our guilt, in that we have not always witnessed clearly enough in our situation and so are jointly responsible for the way in which those things which were experienced as sin and confessed to be so or should have been experienced as and confessed to be sin have grown in time to seem self-evidently right and to be ideologies foreign to the scriptures. As a result many have been given the impression that the gospel was not really at stake. We make this confession because we are convinced that all sorts of theological arguments have contributed to so disproportionate an emphasis on some aspects of the truth that it has in effect become a lie.
2. We are aware that the only authority for such a confession and the only grounds on which it may be made are the Holy Scriptures as the Word of God. Being fully aware of the risks involved in taking this step, we are nevertheless convinced that we have no alternative. Furthermore, we are aware that no other motives or convictions, however valid they may be, would give us the right to confess in this way. An act of confession may only be made by the Church for the sake of its purity and credibility and that of its message. As solemnly as we are able, we hereby declare before everyone that our only motive lies in our fear that the truth and power of the gospel itself is threatened in this situation. We do not wish to serve any group interests, advance the cause of any factions, promote any theologies or achieve any ulterior purposes. Yet, having said this, we know that our deepest intentions may only be judged at their true value by God before whom all is revealed. We do not make this confession from God's throne and from on high, but before God's throne and before other human beings. We plead therefore, that this Confession should not be misused by anyone with ulterior motives and also that it should not be resisted to serve such motives. Our earnest desire is to lay no false stumbling blocks in the way, but to point to the true stumbling block Jesus Christ the rock.
3. This confession is not aimed at specific people or groups of people or a church or churches. We proclaim it against a false doctrine, against an ideological distortion that threatens the gospel itself in our church and our country. Our heartfelt longing is that no-one will identify themselves with this objectionable doctrine and that all who have been wholly or partially blinded by it will turn themselves away from it. We are deeply aware of the deceiving nature of such a false doctrine and know that many who have been conditioned by it have, to a greater or lesser extent, learned to take a half-truth for the whole. For this reason we do not doubt the Christian faith of many such people, their sincerity, honor, integrity and good intentions, and their in many ways estimable practice and conduct. However, it is precisely because we know the power of deception that we know we are not liberated by the seriousness, sincerity or intensity of our certainties, but only by the truth in the Son. Our church and our land have an intense need of such liberation. Therefore it is that we speak pleadingly rather than accusingly. We plead for reconciliation, that true reconciliation which follows on conversion and change of attitudes and structures. And while we do so we are aware that an act of confession is a two-edged sword, that none of us can throw the first stone, and none is without a beam in their own eye. We know that the attitudes and conduct that work against the gospel are present in all of us and will continue to be so. Therefore this Confession must be seen as a call to a continuous process of soul-searching together, a joint wrestling with the issues, and a readiness to repent in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in a broken world. It is certainly not intended as an act of self-justification and intolerance, for that would disqualify us in the very act of preaching to others.

4. Our prayer is that this act of confession will not place false stumbling-blocks in the way and thereby cause and foster false divisions, but rather that it will be reconciling and uniting. We know that such an act of confession and process of reconciliation will necessarily involve much pain and sadness. It demands the pain of repentance, remorse and confession; the pain of individual and collective renewal and a changed way of life. It places us on a road whose end we can neither foresee nor manipulate to our own desire. On this road we shall unavoidably suffer intense growing pains while we struggle to conquer alienation, bitterness, irreconciliation and fear. We shall have to come to know and encounter both ourselves and others in new ways. We are only too well aware that this confession calls for the dismantling of structures of thought, of church, and of society that have developed over many years. However, we confess that for the sake of the gospel, we have no other choice. We pray that our brothers and sisters throughout the Dutch Reformed Church family, but also outside it, will want to make this new beginning with us, so that we can be free together, and together may walk the road of reconciliation and justice. Accordingly, our prayer is that the pain and sadness we speak of will be pain and sadness that lead to salvation. We believe that this is possible in the power of our Lord and by God's Spirit. We believe that the gospel of Jesus Christ offers hope, liberation, salvation and true peace to our country.

Endnote

1. "The synod of the former Dutch Reformed Mission Church (DRMC) adopted the draft Confession of Belhar in 1982 with an accompanying letter. These two documents should always be read together..." From the Uniting Reformed Church of South Africa.

**Presbytery of New York City
Necrology Report -- 2010**

| Church Name | Name of Elder or Minister | Date of Death | Number of Years an Elder |
|---|--|---|---------------------------------|
| Bronx | | | |
| Beck Memorial | Elder Bernita Lyons | 08-31-10 | 25 |
| Eastchester Presbyterian Church | Elder Willard Dennis | 11-29-10 | 30 |
| Laconia Presbyterian Church | Elder Katalina A. McDowell | 03-01-10 | 12 |
| | Elder Denzle D. Jones, Sr. | 05-29-10 | 8 |
| Brooklyn | | | |
| Beverly Presbyterian Church | Elder Ruth Mallay | 10-08-10 | 21 |
| Crossroads Presbyterian Church | Elder Sara E. Vidal | 06-28-10 | 2 months |
| Homecrest Presbyterian Church | Elder Dorothy Young | 05-19-10 | 19 |
| Memorial Presbyterian Church | Elder Isabel Ortiz | 05-12-10 | 20+ |
| | Elder Sara Torres | 08-18-10 | 10 |
| Manhattan | | | |
| Brick Presbyterian Church | Elder William Halsted Savage | 08-03-10 | 41 |
| West Park Presbyterian Church | Elder Carol Wadsworth | 03-27-10 | 30 |
| First Chinese | Elder Kit Ching Liu | 03-04-10 | 30 |
| North Presbyterian Church | Elder Ethel Crawford | 09-06-10 | 9 |
| Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church | Elder Shelton Brooks | 03-01-10 | 42 |
| | Elder Phillips Talbot | 10-01-10 | 34 |
| Rutgers Presbyterian Church | Elder Vera Mowry Roberts | 01-31-10 | 47 |
| Church of the Master | Elder Kelton Williams, Sr. | 09-27-10 | 24 |
| Queens | | | |
| First Presbyterian Church in Jamaica | Elder Linrol Spence | 08-26-10 | 19 |
| First Presbyterian Church of Whitestone | Elder Jacqueline Acampora | 09-23-10 | 24 |
| North Presbyterian Church | Elder Minnie M. Salamone | 12-19-10 | 13 |
| Staten Island | | | |
| Calvary Presbyterian Church | Elder George E. Thatcher | 12-20-10 | 2 |
| Olivet Presbyterian Church | Elder Anna Marie Fiorino | 05-20-10 | 11 |
| | Elder Valerio Chironna | 06-12-10 | 60 |
| | Elder Linda Macaluso | 06-18-10 | 10 |
| | Rev. John Gump | 04-14-10 | 53 |
| Churches reporting no deaths in 2010 | | | |
| Bay Ridge United Church | Bedford Central Presbyterian Church | Central Presbyterian Church | |
| Featherbed Lane Presbyterian Church | First Presbyterian Church in the City of New York | First Presbyterian Church of Newtown | |
| Flatbush Redeemer Presbyterian Church | First United Presbyterian Church of Queens Village | Fort Washington Heights Presbyterian Church | |
| Fourth Presbyterian Church | French Evangelical Presbyterian Church | Glenmore Avenue Presbyterian Church | |
| Good Shepherd Faith Presbyterian Church | Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church | Mount Washington Presbyterian Church | |
| Ridgewood Presbyterian Church | Siloam Presbyterian Church | St. Albans Presbyterian Church | |

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January 5, 2011

FINAL REPORT OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMISSION TO FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF WILLIAMSBRIDGE

Commission Members

Rev. Clark Bradley, Chair
Elder Gregory Coverdale, Clerk
Rev. Euton Williams
Elder Sandy Lane
Rev. Lonnie Bryant
Elder Amy Bisnauth

Recent Activities

Since our last report the Administrative Commission (AC) has completed the following activities:

1. Commission member Rev. Euton Williams led a new officer training program on Saturday, September 11, at which he trained the officers elected at a July 25 congregational meeting.
2. Rev. Williams also led an ordination/installation service on Sunday, September 12.
3. PNYC's COM appointed Rev. Krystin Granberg as the new moderator of the First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge (1st PCW) Session. With the new Session ordained and installed, and a COM appointed moderator in place, the AC formally restored original jurisdiction to 1st PCW at a Session meeting on December 3, 2010.

Commission Progress as Charged by Presbytery

The AC's charge, as adjusted by Presbytery at its November 17, 2009 meeting, reads as follows.

This Administrative Commission is empowered to:

1. assume original jurisdiction and replace the Session of First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge if the Session is found to be unable or unwilling to manage wisely the affairs of its church;
2. continue efforts to pursue reconciliation among members of the congregation and with the Presbytery. (Perhaps use a professional organization or consultant like the Alban Institute);
3. to gather information such as Session minutes and financial data from First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge, as deemed necessary by the Administrative Commission;

4. direct the orderly cessation of operations of SEOM at First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge;
5. resolve outstanding Board of Pensions issues.

The AC's addressed all five items of the charge in the manner set forth below:

The AC assumed original jurisdiction on December 2, 2009 (item #1) and directed the cessation of operations of SEOM effective December 31, 2009 (item #4). As noted in previous reports to Presbytery, the Commission was unable to resolve outstanding payments due to the PC(USA) Board of Pensions for Rev. Chambers pension (item #5). The matter has now moved out of the Commission's hands, as Rev. Chambers has instituted legal proceedings. The Commission has turned over relevant materials to the PNYC Committee of Council regarding these legal matters.

Item #3 was informational. Limited information in terms of both financial and Session minutes is available from the period prior to January 1, 2010. However, the treasurer has presented up to date financial reports at meetings on July 25 and December 3, 2010.

Item #2 is a bit more difficult to assess, as the degree of reconciliation achieved is mixed. Most members who strongly supported Rev. Chambers have chosen to depart the church, while a few former members who left during Rev. Chambers' tenure have begun to return.

Current Conditions at First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge

Joint efforts by the AC and congregational leadership to restore 1st PCW to health have started to show results. The congregation and the AC have cooperated on several events, most notably a renewal and reconciliation service on March 21, 2010, and a worship service followed by a congregational meeting on July 25, 2010, at which officers were elected to fill all vacant positions on the church's boards. At the December 3, 2010 Session meeting, the Session welcomed into membership the church's first new member in some time.

Beyond these joint activities, the congregation has taken the initiative to return to celebrating normal events in its life. Attendance at worship and financial giving have improved from the lows of late 2009, but after the trauma of the past several years the congregation remains in a seriously weakened condition, both spiritually and financially.

Despite the turmoil it has suffered through, 1st PCW appears to be poised to return to health in the future. Church boards have been restored to authority, and the officers include many experienced elders, deacons and trustees. The congregation still has a vital core of leaders and members who are actively seeking to promote the church's spiritual health and membership growth.

In conclusion, we trust that 1st PCW will experience the grace of Jesus, who said to the members of another church, "I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. ... You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary." (Revelation 2:2-3, NIV) Certainly First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge has endured much, yet its members continue with perseverance to serve God in the name of Jesus Christ.

Request to Be Dismissed

With all five items of our charge addressed, the church boards now populated by newly elected and experienced leaders, headed by a highly competent moderator, this AC is no longer necessary. Therefore, we respectfully request that PNYC dismiss the Commission.

Respectfully submitted,
Administrative Commission to First Presbyterian Church of Williamsbridge