



THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND

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Greetings all,

As our March meeting was brief, with limited business, my message to you will also be shorter than usual. Thanks to the extensive preparation, technical expertise, and cheerful creativity of Mark, Laurie, and Charlaire, nearly 50 people joined us for Presbytery's first-ever meeting via ZOOM. And thanks to all the participants who consented to conduct the essential business without extensive debate. After the close of the formal meeting, a small group of us stayed on and were pleased to be able to continue our conversation and resource-sharing.

Four motions were approved without objection:

1. Minutes of the January 25, 2020 meeting were approved, subject to any corrections which can be sent to Mark Tammen via email.
2. Requesting that the 224th General Assembly permit the Korean United Presbyterian Church to transfer from the Presbytery of NY City to the Presbytery of Long Island. The congregation from Queens has found a new home at the New Hyde Park Church.
3. The four nominees put forward by the Nominating Committee were elected: Elder Donna Winfield (Roosevelt) to the Advance Planning Committee (Class of '22) Vanessa Winters (Westhampton) to the Shepherding Council (Class of '22) Elder Sean Moran (Brookhaven) to the Committee on Ministry (Class of '22) and Rev. James Rea (Huntington Station) to the Central Commission
4. Approval in advance granting our Stated Clerk permission of the Presbytery to enable congregations to apply for any financial relief in the form of loans or grants that may become available through the Coronavirus Response Act recently passed by the US Congress.

More detailed information on the actions of the various committees of the Presbytery, and any coming events, can be found in the Meeting Packet available on the Presbytery website.

We trust that those pastors - approximately half - who have yet to take the required Boundary Training will be able to fit that into their schedules.

With hope and prayer, we will look forward to the time when we will again be able to come together face to face. The next meeting of the Presbytery, scheduled for Tuesday, June 30, 2020, in Hempstead, and committee meetings in between, will take place by whatever means are the safest at that time.

In the meantime, may we hold each other in prayer and love, reaching outward in all ways possible to support and care for ourselves and for loved ones - those we know and those we have yet to meet, but whom we are also called by Jesus Christ to love and serve.

Peace and Blessings,

Moderator, Elder Janet Allen-Spencer
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