



Presbytery of Long Island

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Moderator's Report Stated Meeting of January 30, 2024

Getting Past Survival

This year is transitional!

We have survived a pandemic by embracing technology that we only imagined ten years ago. Our first presbytery meeting this year was well attended, virtual, and occurred during the evening. We successfully completed our requisite business and welcomed The Reverend Emily Fowler to our presbytery. It is easy for us to become complacent after a successful meeting. Business as usual gives us a sense of security and comfort. God, however is not about complacency. We are called to do more than simply survive and feel comfortable. We are called and empowered to thrive.

The moderator team has been praying and meeting to discern where God is leading us next. Our time of discernment has led us to The Great Ends of The Church as spelled out in The Book of Order. The great ends of the Church are:

- 1) The proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind.
- 2) The shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God.
- 3) The maintenance of divine worship.
- 4) The preservation of the truth
- 5) The promotion of social righteousness
- 6) The exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.

This is not a restaurant menu where we can pick and choose, but a destination that we need to aim for in its entirety. We have presence of the Holy Spirit within us (1 Corinthians 6:19) lets us follow close and thrive.

Elder Donald Adams