

**Shepherding Report**  
**Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting – September 21, 2024**

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**Action items for the Presbytery**

**Motion:** To approve the Harassment Policy for the Presbytery *(as required in the Book of Order G-3.0106)*. *(attached)*

**Motion:** To unrestrict all but \$875,000 of the previously restricted funds for New Church Development, to be used for (a) addressing financial requirements related to churches under an Administrative Commission or in transition, including legal costs and outstanding debt; (b) the mission/vision priorities of the Presbytery, as identified by the visioning team, which may include the creation of new worshiping communities; and (c) other needs as approved by the Shepherding Council.

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**Items for the Presbytery:**

**Save the Date: Presbytery Day, Saturday, November 16, 9 AM-4 PM, Setauket Presbyterian Church.**

Workshops have been designed to address frequent issues we hear from our churches and will include:

- Orientation to legal issues involving property use
- Intergenerational Worship
- Reimagining Sunday School and Beyond
- Older Adult Ministries
- Worship Leadership and Preaching for Elders and Lay Leaders
- Stewardship for a New Generation
- and more!

The planning team is encouraging each church to send at least two people!

**The Shepherding Council met on July 8, 2024, from 12-2 PM by Zoom. The Council's work and actions included:**

- Approving the minutes from the 5/13/24 meeting
- Report from the moderators on the approval of funds to purchase portable sound equipment for presbytery meetings that can run the Wordly translation app.
- Report from the Treasurer of the Presbytery and approval of the combination of the three mission funds in the Presbytery's investment accounts into one fund.
- Report on the PCUSA General Assembly.
- Reports from Committees and Administrative Commissions.
- An update on the Presbytery's visioning process.
- A first read of a provisional policy on assets that come into the Presbytery.
- Approval of a motion to recommend the draft Harassment Policy to the Presbytery for a vote.
- An update from the Glenwood Life Center Commission that its discernment has concluded in pursuing a sale of the building.
- Presbytery Day and the assembling of a planning team.
- Update on Episcopals and Presbyterians in Conversation (EPIC) work.

**The Shepherding Council met on September 9, 2024, from 12-2 PM in person at the Presbytery office. The Council's work and actions included:**

- Approving the minutes from the 7/8/24 meeting
- Presentation and review of the 2025 budget from the Treasurer

- Discussion of an increase in the Presbytery's portion of per capita
- Approval of a motion asking the Presbytery to unrestrict a portion of the funds designated for New Church Development (see below)
- A review of a draft Administrative Leave Policy being considered by the Committee on Ministry
- Discussion of how to support our candidates for ministry
- An update on the Presbytery's visioning process
- Approval of recommending to the Presbytery a provisional presbytery policy for assets (see below)
- Reports from Committees and Administrative Commissions
- Approval of a motion to dismiss with gratitude the Pastoral Inquiry Commission
- Discussion of Presbytery Day planning