

Elder Ellen Gove, Moderator
Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Stated Clerk

WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Presbytery of Long Island of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held a Stated Meeting on Zoom Tuesday, February 4, 2025, with 96 in attendance, 77 of whom were voting members. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order with a Prayer and a Call to Worship by Elder Ellen Gove, Moderator, at 6:00 PM.

Roll Call - *Separate document*

BEGIN OUR WORK

A Land Acknowledgement was led by Rev. Gloria Johnson of the Old South Haven Presbyterian Church.

The Presbytery of Long Island acknowledges that the land on which we gather—first known by names such as Paumanake, Sewanhacky, and Wamponomon, and after colonization also called Long Island—is the ancestral territory and unceded homelands of many communities of Indigenous peoples, including the Canarsies, Rockaways, Merricks, Massapeguas, Matinecocks, Nissaquogues, Setaukets, Corchaugs, Secatogues, Unkechaugs, Shinnecock, Montaukett, and Manhansets. We honor their stewardship under God of this land for over 11,000 years.

As residents of Long Island, we confess and lament the systematic removal, isolation, and forced assimilation of the original stewards of creation. As members of the Presbyterian Church (USA), we acknowledge that our denomination has been both the beneficiary of the Doctrine of Discovery and an active participant in the exclusion and erasure of native peoples and in the denial of their sovereignty. As neighbors and siblings in the human family of the Creator, we honor the current and future generations of indigenous nations and communities and commit to learn and grow in solidarity and just relationship.

Moderator Elder Ellen Gove led an opening prayer.

Welcoming

Moderator Elder Ellen Gove welcomed Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders at a Presbytery meeting for the first time.

Approval of Docket

MSP The Presbytery approved the docket of February 4, 2025

Worship

Scripture Scripture - Ephesians 3:17b-19 NIV

Sermon The Depth of God's Love - Moderator Elder Ellen Gove

Thanks for the Service to the Presbytery for the good and faithful leadership of the Rev. Michael Smith upon completion of his four years on the Moderator team and for the good and faithful leadership of Elder Donald Adams during his year as Moderator and as he transitions from Moderator to Past-Moderator.

Installation of 2025 Moderator Elder Ellen Gove - Rev. Rachel Vione, First Vice-Moderator, and Rev. Matthew Means, Second Vice-Moderator

Shepherding Council Elder Donald Adams *(complete report Appendix A – pp7-8)*

Visioning Process Report

Rev. Brad Morgan and Rev. Dr. Joshua Jong presented a slide show and video from the Visioning team, describing the process and experiences of the team's journey to develop the proposed new Mission Statement for the Presbytery of Long Island.

Pray With Us

The Moderator Team has been meeting regularly to deepen our relationships, listen for God's leading, and pray together. We invite you to join us today to make space for those intentional practices. In your small groups, please take 15 minutes for the following conversation. Please note that there are no "leaders" in the small groups--this is a time of mutual sharing and prayer. Be sure that everyone has an opportunity to share without interruption.

- First, have each person briefly share their name and congregation. (2 minutes total)

- Second, have one person slowly read the proposed mission statement for our presbytery (below). As it is read, all are invited to listen for one word or phrase that stands out to you in hearing the mission statement.

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by partnering with
congregations, communities, and individuals
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Then, take turns sharing the word or phrase that stood out to you without commentary. Simply share the word or phrase. (4 minutes total)

- Next, have a different person slowly read the proposed mission statement. As it is read this second time, all are invited to reflect silently on what God might be saying through the word or phrase that stood out to you. Then take turns sharing, briefly, your reflections with each other. (4 minutes total)

- Finally, have a different person slowly read the mission statement. As it is read this final time, all are invited to be attentive to any prayer that arises in you, close by praying together. (You might have one person who volunteers to pray for the group. You might decide to have each person share a brief prayer. You might make time for silent prayer, listening for God to speak. Your prayer together can be whatever you choose as a group!) (4 minutes total)

MSP Approved the following as the mission statement of our Presbytery:
Guided by the Spirit, Our Presbytery follows Christ by partnering with congregations, communities and individuals to embody God's inclusive love and justice in an ever-changing world.

MSP The Presbytery approved the submitted slate for the Nominating Committee
Class of '27 Elder Heather Reylek -Shelter Island

MSP Approved the revised Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults Policy of the Presbytery (*Appendix B – pp 8-15*)

Stated Clerk Report Rev. Kate Jones Calone (*complete report Appendix C – pp 16- 18*)

The Stated Clerk recommended the following motions to be considered as one motion

MSP That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting on September 21, 2024.

The Presbytery confirmed the election of corporate officers for 2025

Class of '25	Rev. Stephen Adkison, <i>Shelter Island / President</i> Elder Natasha Hines, <i>Deer Park</i>
Class of '26	Elder Amelia Chin, <i>Oceanside</i> Rev. Ida Rosario, <i>Brentwood / Vice President</i> Elder Candace Breen, <i>Selden</i>
Class of '27	Elder Bill Philips, <i>Center Moriches</i> Rev. Paul Lent, <i>Southampton</i>

The Presbytery dismissed the Glenwood Life Center Administrative Commission with gratitude for their service.

Committee Reports Without Action

Report of the Annual Non-Parish Clergy 2024. (*Appendix D – pp 18-22*)

Report of the Teaching Elders as of 12/31/24. (*Appendix E – p 23*)

Committee on Ministry (*Appendix F – pp 24-26*)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (*Appendix G – pp 26-27*)

Valley Stream Administrative Commission (*Appendix H – pp 27-28*)

Yaphank Administrative Commission (*Appendix I – p 28*)

Glen Cove Administrative Commission (*Appendix J – pp 29-30*)

Proposed Amendments to the Book Of Order

Moderator Elder Ellen Gove discussed the Proposed Amendments to the Book of Order and the Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries, which were approved at the General Assembly of the PC(USA). These amendments affect the Book of Order and require approval from a majority of the presbyteries for them to take effect.

Moderator Elder Ellen Gove shared how the Presbytery prepared the commissioners regarding these amendments:

- Our commissioners and Young Adult Advisory Delegate to the General Assembly held a Q&A at the Stated Meeting of the Presbytery this past September.

- On January 7, we held an open Zoom meeting for our presbytery to share information and answer questions about the amendments and Agreement.

On January 22, our presbytery joined Charlotte and Whitewater Valley presbyteries for a Zoom session led by Stated Clerk David Yandle from Charleston Atlantic Presbytery. The session focused on amendments 24-A and 24-C.

- On January 28th, our presbytery held another open Zoom meeting for conversation.

- Sent several separate emails via the NEXUS to share information about the amendments. Specifically, an email was sent to all pastors and clerks of session, asking them to share several resources with their ruling elder commissioners.

Moderator Elder Ellen Gove invited a motion to approve the 12 amendments and the Agreement as one motion.

(https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/2024-10/GA226_Proposed_BoO_Amendments_Ecumenical_Agreement_0920_2024.pdf)

Motion: To approve the 226th General Assembly (2024) following Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries

24-A- F1.0403, 24-B - G-1.10104, 24-C - G-2.0104b, 24-D - G-2.0504b, 24-E - G-2.0504b, 24-F - G-2.0610, 22-G - G2.0901, 22-H - G-3.0106, 22-I - G-3.0302d, 22-J - G-3.0501, 22-K - D-7.0501, 22-L - D-7.0902b, 24-M - Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries

After being moved and second, commissioners asked to pull amendments 24-A - F1.0403 & 24-C - G-2.0104b from the motion.

MSP Approved the 226th General Assembly (2024) following Proposed Amendments to the Constitution and Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries

24-B - G-1.10104, 24-D - G-2.0504b, 24-E - G-2.0504b, 24-F - G-2.0610, 22-G - G2.0901, 22-H - G-3.0106, 22-I - G-3.0302d, 22-J - G-3.0501, 22-K - D-7.0501, 22-L - D-7.0902b, 24-M - Episcopal-Presbyterian Agreement on Local Sharing of Ministries

The floor was then opened to discuss amendment 24-A—F1.0403. Commissioners wishing to speak for, against, or ask questions were limited to two minutes.

MSP To call the question.

MSP Approved the 226th General Assembly (2024) Proposed Amendment 24-A - F1.0403

The floor was then opened to discuss amendment 24-C—G-2.0104b. Commissioners wishing to speak for, against, or ask questions were limited to two minutes.

MSP To call the question.

A motion to approve the 226th General Assembly (2024) Proposed Amendment 24-C - G-2.0104b was made and seconded, and a vote was conducted via poll on Zoom, with those unable to access the poll

invited to share their vote directly to Laurie Vu in the chat. The initial poll vote, plus one vote submitted via the chat, indicated that the motion passed by two votes. Subsequently, the Stated Clerk reviewed the list of those who had voted and discovered that two votes were submitted by individuals not eligible to vote. Both of those individuals voted in the affirmative. Therefore, the Stated Clerk announced to the body that the vote ended in a tie, 34-34, with 7 abstentions; the motion did not pass.

Triennium

Rev. Janice Moore reminded the presbytery of the upcoming Presbyterian Youth Triennium, which will be held in Louisville, Kentucky, from July 28 to 31, 2025 .

Treasurer Report Charlaine Apsel (*complete report Appendix K - pp 31-32*)

Board of Trustees Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison (*complete report Appendix L - pp 33-37*)

MSP Approved the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church's acceptance of the offer of Suffolk County to purchase a specific portion of its land for \$400,000. [See attached offer letter from Suffolk County]

MSP Approved the resolutions in connection with the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove.

RESOLUTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GLEN COVE

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2024, The Presbytery of Long Island of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (the "Presbytery"), at its Stated Meeting, concurred with the request from First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove ("Glen Cove") to dissolve and appointed an administrative commission (the "Administrative Commission") to oversee the closing process.

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2025, Glen Cove held a closing service.

WHEREAS, in accordance with section G-4.0205 of the Book of Order 2023-2025, Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Glen Cove is formally dissolved by the Presbytery, and such property formerly held by or for the benefit of Glen Cove is deemed to be held by the Presbytery in conformity with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

NOW, THEREFORE, it is:

RESOLVED, that the Presbytery seeks to sell or otherwise dispose of the real property located at 7 North Lane, Glen Cove, New York 11542 (the "Property"), and in furtherance thereof, now further authorizes, empowers, and directs the Administrative Commission, with the advice of legal counsel, to take all reasonable and necessary actions to market and prepare the Property (including but not limited to engage and negotiate with officials from the City of Glen Cove related to the Property in connection with potential landmark designation, rezoning and/or use restriction(s), and to review and negotiate the terms and conditions of sale or disposition with potential and reasonable bona fide third-party purchasers) for the Presbytery to sell or dispose of the Property as the Presbytery may direct (subject to any guidelines of or established by the Presbytery).

Committee on Nominations / Committee on Representation Elder Jolynn Kendrick

MSP Approved the slate of the Committee on Nominations

Committee on Ministry

Class of 2026	Elder Roxanne Kiefer Mollo - Setauket
Class of 2027	Rev. Jon Rodriguez - East Hampton
Class of 2027	Elder Donald Adams - Selden

Enduring Witness Team

Moderator	Elder Donald Adams - Selden
Shepherding	Rev. Matthew Means - Huntington First
Trustees	Elder Candace Breen - Selden
Member at Large	Elder Mary Jane Dessables - Baldwin
Member at Large	Rev. Brad Morgan - Babylon

Personnel Committee Rev. James Rea

MSP Elected Rev. Kate Jones Calone as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Long Island for a one-year term.

Report of the Executive Presbyter Rev. Kate Jones Calone (*complete report Appendix M - pp 38-39*)

Adjournment, Closing Prayer & Benediction at 9:15 PM Moderator Elder Ellen Gove

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025, in Mattituck.

Stated Clerk Rev. Kate Jones Calone

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Appendix A – pp 7-8

**Shepherding Council Report
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting – February 4, 2025 ZOOM**

Action Items

Motion: to approve the following as the mission statement of our Presbytery:

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by **partnering** with
congregations, communities, and individuals
to **embody** God’s inclusive love and justice
in an ever-changing world.

Motion: That the Presbytery approve the submitted slate for the Nominating Committee
Class of '27 Elder Heather Reylek -Shelter Island

Motion: to approve the revised Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults Policy of the Presbytery (*attached*)

The Shepherding Council met on November 4, 2024, in person and on Zoom, and took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes from its 9/2/24 meeting.
- Approved sponsoring the New York State Council of Churches annual fundraiser at a level of \$500.
- Approved sending our presbytery’s portion of the funds from the Peace & Global Witness Offering to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance.
- Received a report on our presbytery’s visioning process and voted to recommend the visioning team’s draft mission statement to our presbytery for approval at the February 4th meeting.
- Agreed to open meetings of the Shepherding Council by reading together the mission statement.
- Made recommendations to the Trustees as they considered creating an opportunity for congregations to apply for loan funds from our presbytery.
- Reviewed an updated Child, Youth, and Vulnerable Adults Policy for our presbytery, and voted to send the updated policy to be voted on by our presbytery at the February 4th meeting.
- Approved review of presbytery policies by an attorney to meet the standards of The Insurance Board.
- Approved the collection of items for Church World Service at Presbytery Day.

The Shepherding Council met on January 13, 2025, in person and on Zoom, and took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes from the 11/4/24 meeting.
- Nominated Elder Heather Reylek (Shelter Island) for our presbytery’s Nominating Committee.
- Nominated Rev. Matthew Means (Huntington) for the Shepherding Council’s representative on the Enduring Witness Team.
- Received a report on Presbytery Day evaluations and approved a tentative plan for Presbytery Day in 2025 to occur in conjunction with the November 16th Presbytery meeting.
- Received a year-end report from Treasurer Charlene Apsel.

- Approved exploring the possibility of designating \$10,000 to retain a lawyer who could assist congregations with reviews of their policies to meet insurance standards.
- Approved meeting dates for the remainder of 2025: March 31, June 16, September 8, October 20, December 8

Appendix B – pp 8-15

**PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND
CHILD / YOUTH / VULNERABLE ADULT
PROTECTION POLICY AND ITS PROCEDURES**

POLICY APPLICATION STATEMENT

It is the policy of the Presbytery of Long Island (“Presbytery”) that all church members, church officers, nonmember employees and/or contractors, and volunteers of congregations, councils, and entities of the church are to maintain the strongest sense of integrity, safety, nurturing, and care involving all interactions with children, youth, and vulnerable adults. This Policy applies to all Presbytery sponsored activities that involve children, youth, and vulnerable adults.

DISTRIBUTION

Copies of this Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and its Procedures (“Policy”) shall be made available via the Presbytery website

PROCEDURES TO FOLLOW WHEN ENTITIES ARE PROVIDING CARE FOR MINORS

When the Presbytery provides care and supervision for Minors at one of its meetings, events or conferences, the following procedures shall be utilized.

DEFINITIONS

The following is a list of definitions of terms and their intended use in this particular Policy. For the purpose of this Policy:

Child: A child is defined as a person between the ages of 0–11.

Youth: A youth is be defined as a person between the ages of 12–17.

Minor: A minor is defined as any Child or Youth 0–17 years-old.

Child/Youth Worker: Any person, volunteer, paid staff or contractor who participates at any level at Presbytery Entity sponsored events or activities involving Children and/or Youth. This includes chaperones who accompany Minors to and during meetings, events, and activities covered by this Policy.

Vulnerable Adult: A vulnerable adult is a person who has the developmental, functional, mental, or physical inability to care for themselves, who does not have the capacity to consent, or is subject to a guardianship, conservatorship, or developmental disability.

Vulnerable Adult Abuse: Any act or failure to act that results in physical abuse, neglect, and/or sexual molestation or abuse, sexual, psychological, or emotional mistreatment or exploitation of a Vulnerable Adult.

Child/Youth Abuse: Any act or failure to act that results in physical abuse, neglect, and or sexual molestation or abuse, sexual, psychological, or emotional mistreatment, or exploitation of a Child or Youth.

Sexual Abuse: In the Book of Order, sexual abuse is defined as “Sexual abuse is any offense involving sexual conduct in relation to any person under the age of eighteen years or anyone without the capacity to consent, or any person when the conduct includes force, threat, coercion, intimidation, or misuse of ordered ministry or position.” (Book of Order, D-7.0901).

Misuse of Technology: The use of technology that results in Vulnerable Adult Abuse, Child/Youth Abuse, or in the harassing or abusing of a Child/Youth.

Sexual Misconduct

Sexual Misconduct is the comprehensive term used in this Policy to include:

Child sexual abuse; including, but is not limited to, any contact or interaction between a child and an adult when the child is being used for the sexual stimulation of the adult person or of a third person. The behavior may or may not involve touching. Sexual behavior between a child and an adult is always considered forced whether or not consented to by the child. In the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), the sexual abuse definition of a child is anyone under age eighteen.

Sexual abuse as defined in the Book of Order: “Sexual abuse is any offense involving sexual conduct in relation to any person under the age of eighteen years or anyone without the capacity to consent, or any person when the conduct includes force, threat, coercion, intimidation, or misuse of ordered ministry or position.” (Book of Order, D-7.0901).

Sexual harassment is defined by New York State as

Sexual harassment is a form of gender-based discrimination. It involves unwelcome sexual conduct that: • Is used as the basis for hiring or other employment decisions, such as promotions, raises or job assignments; • Creates an intimidating, hostile or offensive work environment. • The harasser can be a supervisor, a co-worker or someone who is not an employee, such as a client or customer. Harassment is illegal when it is so frequent or severe that it creates a hostile or offensive work environment or when it results in an adverse employment decision.

Sexual harassment may be verbal, visual and/or physical, including: • Sexually offensive remarks or jokes; • Unwanted touching or groping; • Coerced sex acts; • Requests for sexual favors of a sexually suggestive nature (e.g., asking employee to dig coins out of a supervisor’s pants pocket); • Displaying pornographic images; • Comments (either complimentary or derogatory) about a person’s gender or sexual preferences; • Sexual gestures (e.g., pantomiming sex acts).

Rape or sexual contact by force, threat, or intimidation.

Sexual conduct is offensive, obsessive or suggestive language or behavior, unacceptable visual contact, unwelcome touching or fondling that is injurious to the physical or emotional health of another.

Sexual Malfesance is defined by the broken trust resulting from sexual activities within a professional ministerial relationship that results in misuse of office or position arising from the professional ministerial relationship.

Misuse of technology: use of technology that results in sexually harassing or abusing another person, including texting or emailing suggestive messages and images to persons with whom one has a ministerial or employment relationship. It is never appropriate to view pornography on church property or using church devices or property. When this includes a person under the age of eighteen, it is considered child abuse. There is never an expectation of personal privacy when using technological equipment owned by a church or church entity or within the context of ministry.

SCREENING, TRAINING, AND BACKGROUND CHECKS

A Child/Youth Worker, whether on a paid staff, contractor, or volunteer basis, shall be subject to:

1. The receipt of a completed, signed, and approved application and background check authorization forms, including a signed form verifying the event policy has been read. The application should include a minimum of two references.
2. All Child/Youth Workers should be at least 18 years of age. We recognize that there may be times when it is necessary or desirable for child care providers (paid or volunteer) who are themselves under the age of 18 to assist in caring for children during events or activities. In this case, the person must be at least 13 years old, must be under the supervision of an adult, and must never be left alone with children.
3. The applicant's consent to a comprehensive background check, including a criminal background check. The Presbytery should cover the costs of the background checks for all Child/Youth Workers. These checks shall be run no more than one year prior to the event and the results reported to the Stated Clerk, who shall make determinations regarding the results.
4. All Child/Youth Workers, paid, contracted, or volunteer, must participate in training sometime within the three years prior to the event. The training is to be provided by the Presbytery, which may contract with others to provide these trainings. All members of the Presbytery must comply with the Book of Order requirements regarding training.
5. No person may act as or be engaged as a Child/Youth Worker if that person has been found guilty of an offense, in local, state or federal court or in an ecclesiastical proceeding, that includes actions that fall under definitions or prohibitions set forth in this Policy.

CONFIDENTIALITY OF RECORDS

The Entity shall maintain all Child/Youth Worker applications, results of background checks, and related information in confidential, secured files.

REPORTING

Anyone suspecting or having knowledge of a violation of child abuse may report such violation to the Stated Clerk of the Presbytery, who will report child abuse promptly to local law enforcement and appropriate state authorities.

The Stated Clerk shall have the following responsibilities in response to allegations of Child/Youth or Vulnerable Adult Abuse or neglect incurred against any Child/Youth Worker or event participant:

1. Immediately provide for the safety of the alleged victim(s) involved.

2. If the report alleges abuse or harassment of a Minor, the response team will:
 - a. immediately ensure the allegation is reported to the civil authorities under state law;
 - b. immediately notify the parents or guardian of the Minor;
 - c. notify the insurance company of the allegation and that no investigation has yet occurred.
3. Make immediate decisions concerning the temporary removal of the individual accused from any contact with Minors pending an investigation and/or removal of the accused from the event until a resolution of the allegations has occurred.
4. Notify the Moderators immediately of the report of alleged abuse/neglect. Any possible media requests will be handled by the Stated Clerk, taking care to safeguard the privacy and confidentiality of all involved.
5. If the report is against a teaching elder, the Stated Clerk shall form an investigating committee under Church Discipline of the Book of Order: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Part II.
6. If the report is against a ruling elder, the Stated Clerk will notify the clerk of session of membership that an allegation of offense has been received against an elder that triggers the formation of an investigating committee under Church Discipline of the Book of Order: The Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Part II.
7. If the report is against an employee of the Presbytery, the Stated Clerk will notify the Personnel Committee of the Presbytery. The Stated Clerk will request a follow-up report from the Personnel Committee of the outcome of any subsequent investigation or discipline.
8. If the report is against a volunteer, or nonmember of the PCUSA, the Stated Clerk will request that the Presbytery appoint an investigating committee of three persons to initiate an investigation of the allegations in order to:
 - a. gather any statements of abuse from those making the report and any party to the abuse;
 - b. gather any information from the person who was accused of abuse;
 - c. make written determinations and take actions appropriate to resolve the matter including, but not limited to, making recommendations for prevention as well as response.
9. Provide for pastoral counseling for the principal parties involved (accuser(s), possible victim(s), accused, family members).
10. A written summary of any proceedings in such cases will be maintained by the Presbytery.
11. Any person bringing a report of abuse or assisting in investigating will not be adversely affected in terms and conditions of employment, church membership or affiliation, or otherwise discriminated against or discharged.

EVENT RULES FOR WORKING WITH MINORS AND VULNERABLE ADULTS

Presbytery shall ensure that the following measures be in place and actions taken for each event or activity involving Minors and Vulnerable Adults:

1. Child/Youth Workers shall:

- a. respond to Minors and Vulnerable Adults with respect and consideration and treat all of them equally, regardless of race/ethnicity, color, national origin, gender, age, marital status, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, creed, protected disability status, citizenship status, genetic information, uniformed service or veteran status or religious affiliation; and
 - b. act as a positive role model for Minors and Vulnerable Adults by maintaining an attitude of respect, patience, and maturity.
 - c. maintain appropriate boundaries with Minors or Vulnerable Adults.
 - d. Not give money or gifts to Minors, except within the context of a group gift given to all participants in the celebration of special events or recognitions.
2. Two-adult rule: Two non-related adults must always be present in groups of Minors or Vulnerable Adults. The only exception is if an emergency situation deems this not immediately possible for both in person and online gatherings. All Child and Youth Workers and volunteers must be a minimum of four years older than the age group they lead or supervise.
 3. Ratios: The adult to Child ratio for all Child-related events/activities is 2:10 for both in person and online gatherings. The adult to Youth ratio for all Youth-related events/activities is 2:17 for both in person and online gatherings. Where appropriate and possible, there should be one adult of each gender when there is one or more Minors of each gender in a group.
 4. View Windows and Open Doors: When Minors and adult workers or volunteers are in a room, if the door is closed, the door must have a view window installed. If no view window is installed in the door, the door must remain open at all times.
 5. Adult workers/caregivers should respect the privacy of the Minors and Vulnerable Adults to whom they provide care. Responsible use of digital devices and cell phones is required in all situations (ex. Taking age-appropriate photographs and movies, not taking photographs of Minors who are not fully clothed). Adults and Minors are required at all times to wear appropriate attire. Child/Youth Workers are not permitted to take photographs of Minors or Vulnerable Adults under their care or at the meeting or event and share them in any way, including on the internet, without the written permission of a parent or guardian of the Minor or Vulnerable Adult.
 6. Transportation: All adult drivers at Child/Youth events must have proper licensure and insurance on file with the organizing Entity. All vehicles used must have seat belts for the driver and each passenger. No Minor under eighty-five pounds may sit in the front seat of any vehicle. All drivers transporting Minors and Vulnerable Adults must be over the age of twenty-five and must be informed that if their vehicle is used, their insurance would be primary if an accident occurs. If a charter bus is rented, or any outside carrier is contracted, the company hired must ensure criminal background checks on their drivers. Each vehicle must follow the ratio rules noted in point 2 in this section. Lastly, no minor may be a driver at any event or activity (this includes golf carts at events).
 7. Forms: The legal guardians of each Minor must provide the appropriate information and medical forms for each activity/event. The information form should include all contacts for legal guardians and the medical form must include the Minor's health insurance information. Any photos at the event that are used in social media or published material by the Presbytery must be released by a signed consent form from a participant's legal guardian as well as the Minor. All such forms must be stored at the event site, in a secure place with restricted access.

8. Adults should occupy sleeping areas separate from Minors. The exception to this rule is for the occasional legal caregiver/child situation or parent/child situation.

9. All volunteers and employees at any Presbytery sponsored meetings and events who are responsible to supervise Minors and Vulnerable Adults must also abide by a code of conduct that emphasizes the following prohibited behaviors. Some of these prohibited behaviors include but are not restricted to:
 - a. Display of sexual affection toward a Minor.
 - b. Use of profanity or off-color jokes.
 - c. Discussion of sexual encounters with or around Minors or Vulnerable Adults or in any way involving Minors in personal problems or issues.
 - d. Dating or becoming “romantically” involved with Minors or Vulnerable Adults.
 - e. Using or being under the influence of alcohol or illegal drugs in the presence of Minors and Vulnerable Adults.
 - f. Possessing sexually oriented materials—including printed or online pornography—on church property or property being utilized for a church event.
 - g. Having secrets with Minors or Vulnerable Adults.
 - h. Staring at or commenting on the bodies of Minors or Vulnerable Adults.
 - i. Engaging in inappropriate or unapproved electronic communication with Minors or Vulnerable Adults.
 - j. Working one-on-one with Minors or Vulnerable Adults in a private setting.
 - k. Abusing Minors or Vulnerable Adults in anyway, including (but not limited to) the following:
 - Physical abuse: hit, spank, shake, slap, unnecessarily restraint.
 - Verbal abuse: degrade, threaten, or curse.
 - Sexual abuse: inappropriately touch, expose oneself, or engage in sexually oriented conversations.
 - Mental abuse: shame, humiliate, act cruelly.
 - Neglect: withhold food, water, shelter.
 - Permit Minors or Vulnerable Adults to engage in the following: hazing, bullying, derogatory name-calling, ridicule, humiliation, or sexual activity

10. It is expected that any church in which events or meetings are held carries its own liability insurance, including insurance against sexual misconduct, and abides by the provisions thereof.

SOCIAL MEDIA—ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

General Social Media Policy

No one shall create or use a media site (Web, Facebook, YouTube, or similar) in the name of or purporting to represent the Presbytery without the explicit written permission of the Presbytery. Anyone who leads or coordinates a group activity using social media may use only official Presbytery sites/channels when they have been made available by the Presbytery. These may include Web pages, Facebook, e-mail, and similar means. No one should post or share photographs or other descriptions on their personal social media sites without advance written authorization.

Social Media Communications

Persons having Facebook or other social media privileges on behalf of the Presbytery shall treat unsolicited communication or “friending” from Minors and Vulnerable Adults as an unauthorized text message. No reply may

be given except to indicate by a posting that accepting a “friend” invitation by Minors and Vulnerable Adults is a violation of the code of conduct.

If a Minors and Vulnerable Adults reveal abuse or inappropriate interactions with an adult, the person must report this information in the manner of any “suspected abuse.”

Social Networking Code of Conduct

Each person who leads using the resources of social media shall apply this Social Networking Code of Conduct:

- Prohibit comments that are, or could be construed by any observer, to be harsh, coercive, threatening, intimidating, shaming, derogatory, demeaning, or humiliating.
- Prohibit sexually oriented conversations or discussions about sexual activities.
- Prohibit private messages between employees and volunteers and Minors and Vulnerable Adults.
- Prohibit posting inappropriate pictures (for example, sexually suggestive, exploitive, or voyeuristic) or inappropriate comments on pictures.
- Provide Minors and Vulnerable Adults, and their parents and guardians with this Social Networking Code of Conduct.
- Encourage parents and guardians to play a role in monitoring their Minor’s and Vulnerable Adult’s interactions with employees and volunteers.
- Continuously remind Minors and Vulnerable Adults how to interact appropriately through social networking sites.
- Deny participation by individuals who repeatedly violate the code of conduct.
- At the institution of the use of social media, the authorized minister shall present this Social Networking Code of Conduct to Minors and Vulnerable Adults and parents/guardians.

Misuse of Technology

No member, employee, volunteer, or contractor of the Presbytery shall misuse technology in the following ways:

- Using technology to send suggestive messages and/or images to a Minor.
- Having contacts by Misuse of Technology to contact a Minor or Vulnerable Adult that is not preapproved by the Minor’s or Vulnerable Adult’s legal guardian with a signed waiver, unless the contact is on an open public medium.
- To view pornography or sites (ex. dating websites) which include pornography or naked bodies on the premises of a General Assembly Entity event, activity or meeting, no matter where it is held or by which Entity it is organized.

Virtual Meeting Code of Conduct

Child/Youth workers, ministers, employees, contractors or volunteers (“Adults”) of the General Assembly or its Entities must follow any virtual meeting policies or protocols of the General Assembly and these protocols when planning and conducting a virtual meeting on virtual meeting platforms (ex. Zoom, Skype) with one or more Minors:

- Adults should notify the parent or guardian who has legal custody of a minor before inviting the Minor to participate in a virtual meeting.
- No Adult is permitted to meet one-on-one or one Adult with a group of Minors either in a virtual meeting space or a breakout room. There must be at least two (2) Adults in any virtual meetings or breakout room or other virtual meeting space.
- All Adults, Minors, and other participants in virtual meetings shall dress appropriately for the meeting. No meeting participants shall wear inappropriate (that is, sexually suggestive, exploitive or voyeuristic -

“Inappropriate”) clothing or clothing that displays Inappropriate or offensive (that is, sexually demeaning or suggestive, pornographic, voyeuristic, discriminatory, harassing, bullying, intimidating, threatening, profane or abusive – “Offensive”) messages.

- No Adults, Minors, and other participants in virtual meetings are permitted to make displays of Inappropriate or Offensive messages by putting a sign or note in front of the camera in some form or fashion.
- Adults, Minors, and other participants in virtual meetings should be considerate and not carry the phone or device they are using to participate in the meeting into private areas of their meeting space, such as bathrooms, with any camera or microphone on and the meeting is in progress.
- No Adults or Minors are permitted to use the chat function, the name section, or any other feature of a virtual platform for Inappropriate or Offensive purposes during a virtual meeting, including, but not limited to:
 - Displaying inappropriate photographs or images, such as pornography or photographs of anyone who is naked or inappropriately attired.
 - Displaying Offensive or Inappropriate messages.
 - Providing links to Offensive and Inappropriate websites or platforms.
 - Bullying, discriminating against or harassing anyone based upon their race/ethnicity, color, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity/expression, creed, protected disability status, citizenship status, genetic information or religious affiliation.
- No Adult is permitted to use the private chat function of a virtual meeting platform to communicate privately with one or more Minors except when the privacy or dignity of the Minor requires it.
- No Adult is permitted to use other means of communication (such as texting or email) to communicate privately with one or more Minors before, during or after a virtual meeting. No Minor is permitted to use other means of communication (such as texting or email) to communicate privately with one or more Adults before, during or after a virtual meeting. (Exception: to receive reports of concerns or issues or to make reports of inappropriate conduct or sexual misconduct or abuse).
- Adults and meeting organizers are responsible to make mandatory reports of sexual misconduct or abuse as required by the Book of Order (G-4.0302) and under local, state, and federal law.

SIGNING OF POLICY AND APPLICATION TO SERVE

Each adult engaged in the leadership of a Presbytery event shall acknowledge receipt of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Its Procedures. In addition, each person engaged in the leadership of a Presbytery event shall consent to all comprehensive background checks required and shall comply with any consequences of a reported violation of this Policy.

Approved by the Shepherding Council on November 4, 2024

Approved by the Presbytery on February 4, 2025, as amended

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**Report of the Stated Clerk
Stated Meeting of Presbytery – February 2025 Zoom**

Actions:

The Stated Clerk recommends the following items to be considered as one motion

***Motion:** That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting on September 21, 2024. (not included in the packet; on the PLI website)

***Motion:** That the Presbytery confirm the election of corporate officers for 2025

Class of '25	Rev. Stephen Adkison, <i>Shelter Island</i> Elder Natasha Hines, <i>Deer Park</i>	<i>President</i>
Class of '26	Elder Amelia Chin, <i>Oceanside</i> Rev. Ida Rosario, <i>Brentwood</i> Elder Candace Breen, <i>Selden</i>	<i>Vice President</i>
Class of '27	Elder Bill Philips, <i>Center Moriches</i> Rev. Paul Lent, <i>Southampton</i>	

***Motion:** That the Presbytery dismiss the Glenwood Life Center Administrative Commission with gratitude for their service.

Information**1. Glenwood Life Center Administrative Commission**

The Glenwood Life Center Administrative Commission hosted a closing gathering at the GLC on Sunday, January 12th, with a time of sharing, scripture, reflection, and prayer led by Commission member Rev. Marjory Roth. The sale of the GLC building closed on January 15th, and the proceeds of the sale (\$1,139,065.89) were distributed according to the Presbytery's Provisional Policy on Assets, which was approved by the Presbytery at its meeting in September 2024. Thank you to Rev. Roth, Elder Don Adams, and Elder Steve Bodden for serving on the Administrative Commission and for the longtime support of Nancy Rojas and Doug Kurtz from United Adult Ministries.

2. Equalization

In accordance with the form of Government, G-3.0301, the Presbytery shall adopt and communicate to the sessions a plan for determining how many ruling elders each session should elect as commissioners to the Presbytery, with a goal of numerical parity of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and ruling elders.

The Stated Clerk has determined that the number of resident ministers of the Presbytery during the first week of January is 62. Accordingly, we propose that sessions of churches with over two hundred members will be entitled to elect two commissioners, and sessions with under two hundred members will be entitled to elect one commissioner each as per the most recent statistical report reported by the Presbytery.

3. Report of the Annual Non-Parish Clergy 2024. attached

4. **Report of the Teaching Elders as of 12/31/24.** *attached*

5. **Moderator Team Report**
The Moderators of our presbytery met in person on December 4, 2024, and January 21, 2025, to discuss their work together. Moderator Ellen Gove attended the Moderators Conference in Louisville from November 14-16.

6. **Written reports submitted:**
Committee on Ministry *attached*
Committee on Preparation for Ministry *attached*
Valley Stream Administrative Commission *attached*
Yaphank Administrative Commission *attached*
Glen Cove Administrative Commission *attached*

7. **Thank you to all ministers and commissioned ruling elders who have completed their training requirements. As a reminder, NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training is required annually for all employees. The training is offered online almost every month through Practical Resources for Churches.** Those active in a ministry or on the pulpit supply list who have not yet satisfied the training requirements are:
Emily Arnold, Iftikhar Bhatti, Kymberley Clemons-Jones, Chester Easton, Joan Finck, Robert Griffin, Brad Morgan, Colby Rohde, Marjory Roth, Norman Stanton, John Krahn, Brenda Ford Brenda.

8. **Roster of Names for the Permanent Judicial Commission**
The following persons constitute the roster for 2024:
Class of '25 Rev. Janice Moore, *Malverne*
 Elder Tom Hemmick, *Mattituck*
Class of '27 Rev. Stephen Adkison, *Shelter Island*
 Elder Sandy Santana, *IEPNA*
Class of '29 Rev. Kymberley Clemens-Jones, *Member at Large*
 Elder Dennis Henderson, *Roosevelt*
 Elder Diane Perry, *Westhampton*

9. **Reminder to Sessions**
Session Annual Statistical Reports for 2024 are due by midnight on February 15, 2025. Call (631-499-7171) or email (laurie@presbyteryofli.org), the assistant to the Stated Clerk, if you have any questions about the system.

10. **Training**
Look for Email and Registration on the website.
Deacons - February 18, 2025, 7:30 pm Zoom
Elder - February 19, 7:30 pm Zoom
Clerk - TBD

11. All are encouraged to consider attending the following conference being offered by the Synod of the Northeast (www.synodne.org)
Connection to Transformation: Creating a Partnership Culture in Faith Communities
Friday, March 14, 2025, 10:30 AM - Saturday, March 15, 2025, 12:00 PM
First Presbyterian Church of Jamaica

89-60 164th Street, Jamaica

For generations, churches have served as the heart of community life, acting as catalysts for change and beacons of hope. This conference builds on that legacy, offering faith communities the empowering tools to harness their unique strengths and foster transformative partnerships. Participants will be part of a collaborative effort, exploring strategies for engaging with local organizations, nonprofits, and community leaders to address pressing challenges and create lasting impact. Through dynamic workshops, inspiring speakers, and collaborative sessions, the event will equip church leaders, members, and organizers with actionable tools to strengthen relationships, expand their reach, and cultivate a thriving culture of partnership rooted in shared faith and a commitment to addressing common needs.

12. **EPIC: Episcopalians and Presbyterians in Conversation**

Our presbytery continues to participate in enriching dialogue with the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. Thank you to Setauket Presbyterian Church for hosting the most recent meeting of EPIC on January 21st, held during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

13. **Presbytery Day**

Presbytery Day was held at Setauket Presbyterian Church on Saturday, November 16, 2024. Nearly 100 people from congregations across our presbytery attended and shared positive feedback about both the content and the opportunity to gather and connect. The Rev. Dr. Derrick McQueen was the keynote speaker, and nine different workshops were held throughout the day on topics addressing the challenges and opportunities of our congregations. Setauket Presbyterian provided a welcoming space and hospitality of food and fellowship. Many thanks to the planning team: Jan Allen Spencer, Katie Mulligan, Isoken Irowa, Johanna Wagner, and Luci Duckson-Bramble.

14. **At a meeting of our presbytery in 2016, a resolution was adopted that reaffirmed our presbytery's and denomination's commitment to "welcome the stranger, care for the needy, seek justice for the oppressed and to support sanctuary to those seeking refuge."** Our presbytery resolved "to take a public, moral and Biblical stand for immigrants' rights." Consistent with that resolution, and in conversation with our Moderator Team, we have assembled a team of people within our presbytery who will help coordinate our efforts to support at-risk individuals and communities, as well as resource our congregations to stand with those who are vulnerable or afraid.

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Report of Stated Clerk

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2024 ANNUAL REPORT RESPONSES FROM NON-PARISH AND HONORABLY RETIRED CLERGY

Validated Ministry

Emily Arnold As the solo chaplain at Queens Cancer Center, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens in Jamaica, NY, this chaplain provides tailored spiritual care to diverse palliative care patients and Cancer Center outpatients. Their role includes offering individualized support to patients and families, triaging staff needs during times of grief, and organizing supportive events like "Tea for the Soul." Additionally, they mentor medical trainees and coordinate with other chaplains to ensure consistent, resource-efficient care across the hospital. For continuing education, they engage with video lectures from the Chaplain Innovation Lab and the Center for the Advancement of Palliative Care (CAPC), and collaborate regularly with fellow NYC chaplains. *Message to Presbytery I'll continue to*

preach by request when asked and available! :) I don't have enough time in the schedule this season to mark being consistently available.

Employment:

Position: Solo Chaplain

Organization: Queens Cancer Center, NYC Health + Hospitals/Queens

Location: 82-68 164th St, Jamaica, NY 11432

Immanuel Bae is a full-time chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, Roslyn, NY. My ministry in the hospital conforms to the Biblical requirement of visiting and taking care of the sick and suffering. I attend a local church, Faith Korean Presbyterian Church of Long Island. I occasionally offer spiritual direction to those in the New York area who need it.

Robert Griffin serves as the Chaplain for East End Hospice in Westhampton Beach, NY, providing pastoral care across the East End of Long Island. He also serves as the solo part-time pastor of Amagansett Presbyterian Church. As Chaplain, Robert ministers to nurses, social workers, administrators, their families, and friends, offering compassionate support to those facing end-of-life challenges or supporting loved ones in similar circumstances.

Aaron Hicks continues his ministry in Granada, Spain, serving as a cross-cultural evangelist and church planter with Serge Global International, an interdenominational mission agency rooted in the Reformed/Presbyterian tradition. Over the past 15 years, he has led evangelism and cultural transformation projects, including serving as lead pastor of a new church development, teaching Church History at a local Bible and theology school, leading a mission team, and participating in a province-wide ministerial association. He maintains a supportive and accountable relationship with Mattituck Presbyterian Church, where he previously served as Associate Pastor. For enjoyment, Aaron values spending time with friends in nature and has a deep passion for the mountains, finding joy in exploring and experiencing the outdoors. *Message to Presbytery At this point it looks like our next long furlough is scheduled for the summer of 2025. We hope to spend some time on Long Island and to connect with many of our dear friends and colleagues. Meanwhile, thank you for your prayers and support as we continue to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ here in Spain!*

Christine J Hong No Report

Amos Shin No Report

Jeehoon Song serves full-time as the Assistant Pastor for Small Group Ministry and Welcoming Ministry at Open Door Presbyterian Church in Herndon, Virginia. His work focuses on fostering community and hospitality within the church. He remains actively engaged in ministry through his role at the church, contributing to its mission and outreach efforts. Greetings Hello everyone! Hope you are all doing well and staying safe and healthy! Have a Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas!

Employment:

Position: Assistant Pastor

Organization: Open Door Presbyterian Church

Location: 2999 Centreville Rd, Herndon, VA 20171.

Retired

Choong Sik Ahn No Report

Angela B. Archer Enjoying Retirement

James Barnum has been actively engaged in ministry, preaching at congregations in Westhampton, Roslyn, Sag Harbor, and Malverne. He serves as a commissioner for the Synod of the Northeast and is a board member for

UAM Adult Ministry/Flushing House. In the past year, James has continued his role as Chaplain for the Nassau County Fire Marshalls and local fire departments, and he is also a Board Certified Clinical Chaplain with the College of Pastoral Supervision & Psychotherapy (CPSP). Outside of ministry, James finds joy in spending time with his son, who has autism, and being a grandfather to JJ. He enjoys golfing, cheering for the Mets, and preparing sermons to lead worship. *Message to the Presbytery: Enjoying our connectional system and being a first-year retired minister. I am loving serving the Lord without running a local congregation (at least in these early years of retirement)*

Jeanne W. Baum No Report

Randall J. Broger No Report

Susan Cardone No Report

Chuck Cary is currently serving as a bridge interim pastor at a church in Naples, Florida (34103). For personal enjoyment, he loves walking on the beach, working out at the gym, and listening to both sacred and secular music. *Message to the Presbytery: I wish all brothers and sisters in the Presbytery my very best. Godspeed.*

James Crawford has actively led worship and preached at five different churches over the past year. He also serves as the Chair of the Presbytery Budget and Finance Committee. For personal enjoyment, James likes reading, playing with his dog, and getting reacquainted with Long Island.

Tom M. Castlen has been active in ministry through occasional teaching in the adult education program at Setauket Presbyterian Church and offering online support for colleagues and witnesses for peace and justice. In the past year, he attended a Presbytery meeting. For personal enjoyment, he expresses gratitude each morning, visits familiar places and spends time with family and friends, observes a weekly Sabbath, and engages in writing and humor. Tom also maintains online exchanges with friends and "friends to be. *Message to the Presbytery: God grant me the patience to work with unjust systems I cannot change today, the courage to strategically enact progress when I know I can, and the wisdom to know that, despite structural oppression, I can still make a difference. Amen, Franciscan Revision Serenity Prayer - For Our Times. Thanks to former GA Moderator Gregory Jerome Bently*

William S. Causey No Report

Yvonne Collie-Pendleton has been actively engaged in ministry through Presbyterian Disaster Assistance and Women in Ministry. Over the past year, her ecclesiastical work included providing spiritual and emotional support during deployments responding to both natural and human-caused disasters. This included supporting churches and pastors affected by arson in Colorado, offering aid to communities impacted by tornadoes in Bentonville, Rogers, and Little Rock, Arkansas, and providing pastoral care in Springfield, Illinois, following the police-involved killing of Sonya Massey.

George Gaffga This individual is active in ministry through preaching, teaching, and playing guitar for worship at Crossroads Presbyterian Church in Limerick, leading a midweek Bible study. They have also engaged in ecclesiastical work by publishing blogs to counteract Christian nationalism. For enjoyment, they enjoy playing guitar, reading, walking, drinking bourbon, and watching enjoyable TV shows. *Message to the Presbytery: Greetings to anyone who remembers them, and thank Kate for staying in touch.*

Kenneth Graham actively attends First Presbyterian Church in Baldwin, though he has not been involved in additional ecclesiastical activities over the past year. For enjoyment, Ken embraces the humor and joy of "staying alive." *Message to the Presbytery: Greetings to all*

Richard Graugh is currently active in ministry through virtual pastoral counseling and support. He regularly attends First Presbyterian Church of Cooperstown, where he and his wife spend several months each year, and they also worshiped at First Presbyterian Church of Northport in 2024. For personal enjoyment, Richard values time with his grandchildren in upstate New York and appreciates the cooler climate while spending part of the year there. He and his wife also enjoy traveling frequently, dividing their time between upstate and their primary residence in East Northport.

Karen Hybertsen has been actively involved in ministry through her work on a book titled *Letter to a Comfortable Church: A Pastor's Journey with Romans*, which she is nearing completion after extensive revisions. Earlier this year, she also led a Zoom conversation at the request of the General Presbyter. In her ecclesiastical activities, Karen has worshipped virtually with her nearly 88-year-old mother in San Diego at her mother's request. She has been making quilt tops for her mother's church, which gifts quilts to those needing comfort, earning her the title of "their East Coast quilter." Additionally, she provides monthly financial support to a local food pantry in New Jersey and has dedicated time to exploring contemplative prayer as part of her spiritual practice. For enjoyment, Karen enjoys quilting, reading, gardening, and walking. While she typically kayaks on the lake each year, familial health issues have prevented her from doing so this year, but she hopes to return to it in the spring.

Nancy Jennings has been actively engaged in ministry by providing regular pulpit supply at three churches. Her ecclesiastical involvement includes singing in the choir and serving as a Trustee at Union Theological Seminary in New York, where she chairs the Educational Policy Committee and participates in the Executive, Strategic Planning, Trusteeship, and Development Committees. For enjoyment, Nancy finds joy in sacred dance.

Angus Ian Campbell Laing is active in ministry through participation in Men's Bible Study and worship at First Presbyterian Church of Babylon. Over the past year, he has engaged in worship and study groups at First Presbyterian Church NYC, Church of the Ascension, St. Joseph's RC Church, and Our Lady of Lourdes. Additionally, he supports prison ministry efforts at Wende Correctional Facility. For enjoyment, Ian enjoys studying, reading, splitting logs, and making visits to West Point.

Elisabeth K. Simpson (Betsy) has been actively involved in ministry by serving as a liturgist multiple times over the past year and leading the adult class "Hearts and Minds." She has also assisted with communion as needed. In her personal life, Betsy enjoys reading and walking participating in a monthly book club. As a new grandmother, she has been helping her son and daughter-in-law. Additionally, she visits a good friend in Glen Cove several times a year and recently traveled with friends to visit another couple who have a home in New Hampshire. *Message for the Presbytery Retirement has been very good for me. I continue to be involved with the Presbyterian Peace Fellowship, attending a Ghost Ranch gathering at the end of August. Also, I am involved with the Center and Library for the Bible and Social Justice. My life is full and engaging. Best wishes to all for the coming holiday season and a joyful, peaceful New Year.*

Michael F. Smith No Report

Norman D. Stanton No Report

Robert Stuart is actively engaged in ministry through monthly preaching at Springs in collaboration with Rev. Pratt's arrangement with Bridgehampton and Springs congregations. He is also an active member of the Presbytery's Cuba Work Group, attending the annual Cuba Partners Network meeting this September in Chicago. In the wider community of East Hampton Town, Robert serves as secretary of Hamptons Pride, Inc., helping organize events for the organization. He also participates as a member of the East Hampton Town Clericus, a clergy group, taking part in its activities throughout the year. For personal enjoyment, Robert continues writing and self-publishing various works, enjoys walking on the beach, and makes annual trips in July to Clear Lake, Iowa, where he spent summers as a child. *Message to the Presbytery: Peace*

Mark Tammen is actively involved in ministry by providing legal aid in Louisville. In his retirement, he enjoys the leisure and freedom that comes with this stage of life. *Message to the Presbytery: Miss all of you*

Holly Haile Thompson serves as the Founding Pastor of the Padoquohan Medicine Lodge, Inc. (PML), which has been a cornerstone of outreach in the Shinnecock Tribal Community for 29 years. PML addresses critical needs such as food insecurity, sub-standard housing on the Reservation, educational and cultural activities, including scholarship referrals, and language revitalization programs in partnership with SUNY Stony Brook. It also supports traditional ceremonial observances and justice initiatives, including LAND BACK efforts, the Graves Protection Warriors' Society, and Water Protectors. PML collaborates with the Shinnecock Kelp Farmers Cooperative and the Sisters of St. Joseph to promote environmental justice. Holly also serves on the Niamuck Land Trust Board, working to preserve sacred Shinnecock Hills and combat overdevelopment that threatens burial sites. Ecclesiastically, Holly serves on the Native American Consulting Committee (NACC) and the Synod of the Northeast Discernment Team. In 2024, the team presented its Phase II Report at the Synod Assembly in Albany alongside the Synod's Transitional Leadership. For enjoyment, Holly finds joy in caring for and celebrating five generations of her Shinnecock family and four generations of her Akwesasne family as both communities continue their pursuit of justice and solidarity among their own members and their neighbors. *Message for the Presbytery It is my hope that the Presbytery of Long Island will become willing to learn more about the PCUSA stance regarding the Doctrine of Discovery, which has just been used against Shinnecock Sovereign Immunity in a Court Ruling during the first week of December. Please refer to the materials that our denomination has produced in terms of reports from the 2018 and 2020 General Assemblies. So many American and Canadian denominations have spoken against this dangerous Doctrine, but not enough action is being taken to educate ourselves and our communities about this issue.*

Bruce S. Wagner No Report

Frederick H. Woodward has not been involved in non-parish ministry. For enjoyment, he has returned to his passion for photography, embracing it as a contemplative practice and a way of seeing the world anew.

Ralph Wright is actively worshipping at Westminster Presbyterian Church in Phoenix, AZ, and has been engaged in supply preaching over the past year. In his retirement, Ralph enjoys spending time with his wife as they settle into their new home in Phoenix. *Message to Presbytery: I request prayers for good health for myself and our family.*

MEMBERS-AT-LARGE

Jongmi Bae No Report

Kymerley Clemons-Jones No Report

Eun Joo Kim No Report

Anne Miller Stewart No Report

Terry Ofori No Report

Min Jung Park No Report

Colby Rohde No Report

Tracie Saunders No Report

Candace Whitman No Report

INACTIVE

Carol Maher No Report

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Teaching Elders as of December 31, 2024

Active Members (36)

Adkison Stephen D
 Ahearn, Moira
 Austin-Barrow Sharon
 Bhatti Iftikhar
 Carter, Dennis
 Choi, Jee Ho
 Coello, David
 Karen Crawford
 Cubie, James
 DaCosta, Monica
 Easton, Chester J.
 Folwer Emily, Emily
 Hoffmann, William
 Hurst, T. Lana - UCC
 Johnson, Glorya J.
 Jones Calone, Kathryn
 Jong, Joshua H.
 Kelley, Peter J.
 Lent, Paul
 Means, Matthew T.
 Morgan, H Brad
 Moore, Janice
 Mulligan, Katie
 Pond, Wade
 Prey, Jeffery D.
 Rea, James B., Jr.
 Riddle, Kerrylyn
 Rodriguez, Jonathan
 Rosario, Ida
 Roth, Marjory J.
 Roth, Russ W.
 Shin, Samuel C.
 Van Cleef, Ann - UCC
 Vione, Rachel Philipp

Wagner Johanna McCune
 Williams, Scott B.

Validated Ministry (7)

Arnold, Emily
 Bae, Immanuel
 Griffin, Robert
 Hicks, Aaron
 Hong, Christine J
 Shin, Amos
 Song, Jeehoon

Retired (26)

Ahn, Choong Sik
 Barnum, James W
 Baum, Jeanne W.
 Broger, Randall J.
 Cardone, Susan
 Cary, Charles M.
 Castlen, Tom M.
 Causey, William S.
 Collie-Pendleton, Yvonne
 Crawford James
 Gaffga, George E.
 Graham, Kenneth E.
 Graugh, Richard N
 Hybertsen, Karen
 Laing, Ian
 Park, Sang K.
 Simpson, Elisabeth K.
 Smith, Michael F
 Stanton, Norman
 Stuart, Robert B.
 Tammen, Mark
 Thompson, Holly Haile

Wagner, S. Bruce
 Wood, Ronald
 Woodward, Frederick H.
 Wright, Ralph B., JR.

Member at Large (11)

Bae, Jongmi
 Clemons-Jones Kymberley
 Jennings, Nancy S.
 Kim, Eun Joo
 Maher, Carol
 Miller Stewart, Anne
 Ofori, Terry
 Park, Min Jung
 Rohde, Colby
 Saunders, Tracie A.
 Whitman, Candace

Total 80

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**Committee On Ministry (COM)
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No Items for Action

At its meeting on October 8, 2024

Agreements and Terms of Call

MSP will allow Islip to request renewal of the EPSP agreement for Pastor John Lee for three months.

At its meeting on November 12, 2024

Agreements and Terms of Call

MSP Approved the Extended Pulpit Supply Pastor Agreement between the Session of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church and Rev. Candace Whitman from January 1, 2025 – June 30, 2025

Time 25 Hr Member or Temporary - member member

Cash Salary \$875 weekly Moderate the Session - yes

Start of first EPSP - January 1, 2025

NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually PRC 8/2024

Boundary Training is required every three years PLI 10/2023

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years PLI Prasidium Academy 7/2024

MSP The renewal of the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Greenlawn and Rev. Ann Van Cleef from October 11, 2024, to October 10, 2025

Time	Part-Time (16 hrs)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	\$ 3,329.20	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 33,372	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	NA
SECA Tax	\$ 2,807.64	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	NA
Pension	NA	Continuing Education days	1 week
Death & Disability	NA	Vacation	4 weeks
Medical	NA	Family Leave	As per the 2025 Compensation program
Dental	NA	Moving Expenses	NA

Temp Disability NA

NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually PRC 9/11/2024

Boundary Training is required every three years PLI 02/29/2024

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years PLI Prasidium Academy

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MSP The renewal of the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the Brentwood Presbyterian Church and Rev. Ida Rosario from January 1, 2025, - December 31, 2025

Time	Part-Time (20 hrs)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	\$ 6,000
Cash Salary	NA	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 16,759	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	IRS Standard Rate
SECA Tax	\$ 1285.06	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	NA
Pension	NA	Continuing Education days	1 week
Death & Disability	NA	Vacation days	4 weeks
Medical	NA	Family Leave	As per 2025 Compensation program
Dental	NA	Moving Expenses	NA
Temp Disability	NA		
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually		PRC	5 / 2024
Boundary Training is required every three years		PLI	10 / 2023
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years		PLI	Prasidium Academy 4 /24

MSP Approved the Extended Pulpit Supply Pastor Agreement between the Session of the Islip Presbyterian Church and Rev. John Lee from January 1, 2025 – March 31, 2025.

Time	20 Hr	Member or Temporary member	No
Cash Salary	\$2500 monthly	Moderate the Session	No
Start of first EPSP	April 1, 2024		
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually		PRC	9/2024
Boundary Training is required every three years		PLI	8/2024
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years		PLI	Prasidium Academy 6/24

MSP Approved the re-commission of Ruling Elder Gustavo Sanchez to service at the NCFD Mission Emmanuel, Remsenburg, for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025, permission to administer the Sacraments, to perform marriages as allowed by New York State law, and to have voice and vote at Presbytery meetings. The Presbytery of Long Island fully funds this Call -

Terms are as follows:

Time	Full-Time	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	\$1000
Cash Salary	\$45,402	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$37,710	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	IRS Standard Rate
SECA Tax	\$6358	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	\$1500
Pension	\$7065	Continuing Education days	2 weeks
Death & Disability	\$831	Vacation days	30 days
Medical	\$24,298	Family Leave	as per presbytery
Dental	\$TBD	Moving Expenses	NA
Temp Disability	Yes		
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually		PRC	9 / 24
Boundary Training is required every three years		PLI	10 / 23
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years		PLI	Prasidium Academy 7/ 24

Information

MSP To approve the MDP of the Westhampton Presbyterian Church.

MSP To allow Islip to change the MDP from a full-time to a part-time pastor position.

MSP Authorized Rev. Emily Arnold to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as Chaplain with the Queens Cancer Center Jamaica, NY, for 2025.

At its meeting on December 10, 2024

Agreements and Terms of Call

MSP The renewal of the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin and First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside Rev. Russell Roth from January 1, 2025, to December 31, 2025

Time	40 hours between both churches	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	\$1000 - B
Cash Salary	\$68111 (\$61,448-B / \$6,662-O)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Free Use of Manse	\$22,800- O	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	NA
Housing Allowance	\$250 - O	Pastoral Ministry Expense	\$250 - O
Full Utilities	\$6700 – O	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	\$1200 - O
SECA Tax	\$ 7,467 (\$6,957-B / \$509 –O	Continuing Education days	2 weeks
Pension	\$8700 -O	Vacation days	5 weeks
Death & Disability	\$4,646 -O	Family Leave	as per PLI policy
Medical	TBD - Oceanside	Moving Expenses	NA
Dental	1752 -O		
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training	is required annually	PRC	10/24
Boundary Training	is required every three years	PLI	10/23
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training	is required every three years	PLI Prasidium Academy	12/24

Information

MSP To allow Rev. Jon Rodriguez to moderate the East Hampton Springs session starting February 2025.

MSP Elected Elder Rich Schneider as Moderator and Rev. Karen Crawford as Vice Moderator for 2025

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**Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting – February 2025**

November 28, 2024, CPM Meeting – In-person meeting at LI Presbytery office

NO ACTION ITEMS:

Committee Reports for Information to the Presbytery:

1. A follow-up consultation was held with Candidate-Under-Care Stephanie Castlen primarily to review her Field Education experience and evaluation, as this was not available to the committee at the time of her last Annual Consultation. She is preparing to begin taking the required ordination examinations. No actions taken, and the committee will continue working alongside and providing support to Stephanie as she moves toward ordination.
2. The committee heard a follow-up report and held a discussion regarding Inquirer-Under-Care Robert Caputo from his liaison. CPM will continue to support and work alongside Bob as he

continues his studies and meets denominational requirements to be ordained with a focus on chaplaincy.

3. Discussion held regarding recent changes in Columbia Seminary (and possibly other PCUSA seminaries) student financial payment policies/deadlines that may present some increased challenges for certain students.
4. The committee approved providing some financial support to Candidate-Under-Care Samantha Kendrick for school-related costs.
5. The committee heard updates from CPM liaisons on the various CRE and Ordination candidates currently under care.
6. Bill Hoffmann is rotating off the committee at the end of 2024 and Rev. Johanna McCune Wagner will be Chair of CPM beginning January 2025.
7. Next CPM meeting will be held early in 2025.

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Presbytery of Long Island Valley Stream Administrative Commission February 2025 Zoom

Rev. Jeff Prey, Moderator / Clerk
Elder Delorese Gordon
Elder Natasha Hines
Rev. Scott Williams
Rev. Kate Jones-Calone (ex-officio)
Charlaine Apsel (ex officio)

The Commission met five times since the last Presbytery Meeting (Oct. 22, Nov. 14, Dec. 12, Jan. 9, and Jan. 23). We addressed several matters related to the closing of the church and the status of the property.

We met with our Law Firm to go over matters related to legally dissolving a church, and the disposition of the property. We continued to meet with former members of the congregation and plan for a Closing Service.

We maintain open lines of communication with organizations and worshipping bodies currently meeting in the church and addressed several concerns about building use agreements, heat and thermostat settings, and minor (and - some major) repairs.

We received Title Reports for the church and for the manse, and approved entering into an agreement with Ecclesiastical Realty Advisory Services LLC to act as exclusive listing agent for the properties.

We accomplished needed repairs at both the manse (masonry work) and the church (steeple sheathing repair).

We evaluated and considered offers to purchase the property - received prior to entering into the agreement with ERAS (per above) - and which were not sufficient relative to the appraised value of the properties.

We discussed matters related to building use, and - made the church available for ongoing community engagement (serving as an early voting location and being available for funeral services).

We continue to meet and work toward a faithful resolution of the charge we have been given.

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Presbytery of Long Island
Yaphank Administrative Commission February 2025 Zoom

Rev. Wade Pond (chair)

Rev. Candace Whitman

Elder Don Adams

Elder Jean Hrbek

Elder Connie Pititto

The Yaphank Commission has been in a holding pattern pending the status of David Coello's future call to a new congregation in March 2025.

The commission is planning on meeting in mid-February as we discuss the way forward.

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**Presbytery of Long Island
Glen Cove Administrative Commission February 2025 Zoom**

Members: Rev. Steve Adkison (Shelter Island, Chair,) Elder Frank D’Andrea (Deer Park), Rev. Kate Jones-Calone (ex officio), Elder Betty Ann McConaghy-Roel (Glen Cove), and Rev. Ann Van Cleef (Greenlawn).

Meetings: The Glen Cove Administrative Commission met on the following days:

- October 14, 2024, via Zoom
- November 8, 2024, at the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove
- December 2, 2024, via Zoom
- December 15, 2024, three Commission members met in person with the Glen Cove congregation after their Sunday Worship.
- December 16, 2024, via Zoom
- January 6, 2025, via Zoom
- January 11, 2025, Commission members attended and participated in the Closing Worship of the Glen Cove congregation.
- January 23, 2025, via Zoom.

In addition, the following people attended meetings at various times to lend their expertise: Charlaine Apstel (Presbytery Staff), Elder Steve Bodden (Deer Park, property marketing consultant), Joe Gutlieber (FPC Glen Cove Treasurer), Pastor Lana Hurst (Glen Cove), Renato Matos (Attorney), and Deacon Steve Wasilchuk (Oyster Bay, Consultant to the Commission).

The following tasks have been completed by the Commission:

- Resources for the Commission identified by Rev. Kate Jones-Calone
- Representatives from the Commission have met with the congregation
- Assisting Pastor Lana with preparing a final worship service and setting a date for the service
- Review of Financial Records
- Determining which expenses are automatically deducted from the bank account and which are paid by check
- Locate and collect use agreements and Certificates of Insurance for current users of the church building; determine which users can continue to use the building after December.
- Identify who has keys to the building and collect keys from those who do not need access.
- Establish a process for managing the building (day-to-day maintenance, security needs, and communication with existing tenants)
- Ensure that billing and payment for insurance policies and utilities are in place.
- Communicate with Attorney Renato Matos to assist with necessary New York State legal matters.
- Identify anyone receiving compensation from the church and determine the resolution

- Public Statement (review and finalize who will communicate regarding any public inquiry)
- Closing Worship Service on January 11
- Determining which FPCGC staff members will continue beyond December 31

The following tasks are ongoing:

- Transfer of membership for FPCGC members
- Resolving financial obligations and account balances
- Locate and secure all session records, congregational minutes, the church register, and any other financial and legal records/documents.
- Continuing expenses and bill payments (including for the manse)
- Closing out Pension Board and Board of Pensions payments
- Follow up on the legacy bequest to the church, and determine whether the bequest can continue after the church closes
- Learning what community programs or ministries that the church would want to make a legacy gift to
- Property Appraisal
- Meetings with the City of Glen Cove Landmarks Commission
- Marketing of the property
- Sorting / boxing records and delivering them to the Presbytery Office

The Glen Cove Administrative Commission thanks the Presbytery of Long Island for your continued support. We covet your prayers as we continue with our work.

Respectfully submitted

Rev. Dr. Ann M. Van Cleef

For the Commission

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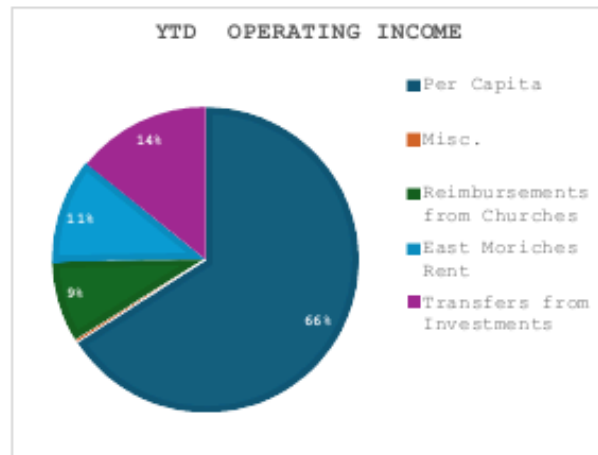
**Treasurer Report
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting – February 4, 2025 ZOOM**

Treasurer Report 2024 Per Capita Presbytery Meeting 2/4/2025

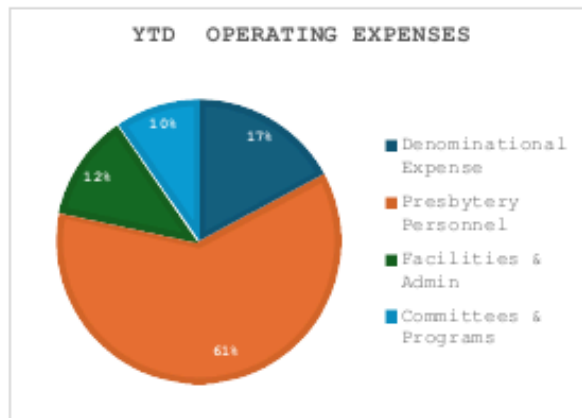
2024 Per Capita	# of Churches	
0% Per Capita	10	0.00
14% - 43%	3	3,081.76
72% - 98%	5	16,049.90
100%	35	212,820.00
	53	231,951.66

2024	88% of the Total Per Capita billed
2023	85% of the Total Per Capita billed
2022	80% of the Total Per Capita billed
2021	87% of the Total Per Capita billed

Operating	2024
Income	
Per Capita	231,526.59
Misc.	1,000.95
Reimbursements from Churches	30,045.33
East Moriches Rent	38,733.16
Transfers from Investments	50,000.00
	351,306.03

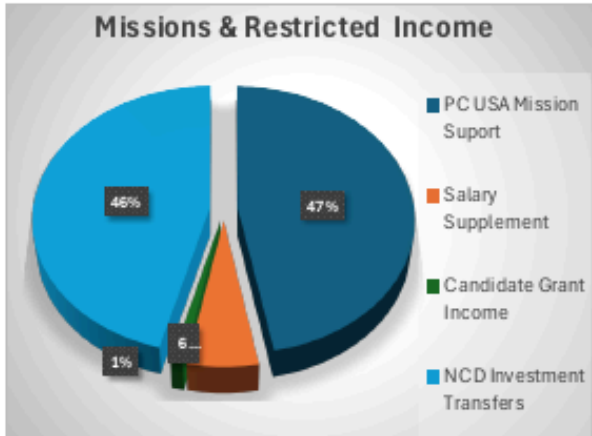


Expense	2024
Denominational Expense	94,029.55
Presbytery Personnel	334,847.92
Facilities & Admin	65,578.55
Committees & Programs	52,638.27
	547,094.29
	(195,788.26)



Treasurer Report 2024 Designated & Retriected Presbytery Meeting 2/4/2025

Missions & Restricted	2024
Income	
PC USA Mission Support	117,002.93
Salary Supplement	14,962.54
Candidate Grant Income	2,611.00
NCD Investment Transfers	114,000.00
	248,576.47



Expenses	2024
PC USA Mission	29,771.70
Hispanic Ministry	20,000.04
Salary Supplement	13,347.60
Candidate Grant	1,407.12
Pastor Grant	2,500.00
Grants to Congregations	4,543.80
Visioning	20,379.46
Support to Congregations	135,922.07
NCD	195,084.61
	422,956.40



Appendix L– pp 33-37

Report of the Board of Trustees - Revised
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting – February 4, 2024 Zoom

Items for Actions:

Motion: To approve the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church acceptance of the offer of Suffolk County to purchase a specific portion of its land for \$400,000. [See attached offer letter from Suffolk County]

NEW Motion: To approve the resolutions in connection with the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove. (attached)

The Trustees of our Presbytery met on November 13, 2024, via Zoom and took the following actions:

- Set its 2025 meeting dates: January 15, March 19, April 23, June 18, September 3, and November 5.
- Approved the minutes from the 9/18/24 meeting.
- Approved a proposed application form to receive small, short-term loan requests from congregations using restricted revolving loan funds in our presbytery. The availability of loans and the application were distributed to congregations via the Nexus.
- Concurred with the request of the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches to explore the sale of its manse.
- Authorized the Administrative Commission for the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove to explore offers for the sale of the church building, with the stipulation that a sale does not include the presbytery holding a note.

The Trustees of our presbytery met on January 15, 2025, via Zoom and took the following actions:

- Welcomed new member: the Rev. Paul Lent.
- Approved the minutes from the 11/13/24 meeting.
- Received a report from Treasurer Charlaine Apsel on the 2024 year-end financial numbers.
- Nominated Elder Candace Breen Warren to serve as the Trustees' representative on the Enduring Witness Team.
- Approved a motion to recommend that the presbytery approve the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church's acceptance of the offer of Suffolk County to purchase a portion of its land for \$400,000 and to bring a motion for approval to the presbytery at its stated meeting on February 4, 2025.

- Approved an application for a loan of \$10,000 for the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church, with the stipulation that arrears in per capita are paid, along with repayment of the loan, at the time of the congregation's property sale.
- Approved proceeding with marketing the Glenwood manse for sale.
- Received a report on the creation of a network among those who deal with property maintenance issues in our churches, and the enthusiasm around sharing of ideas, contractor names, and other questions. All churches are encouraged to identify someone to be part of this network.

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COUNTY OF SUFFOLK



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SUFFOLK COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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SARAH LANSDALE
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ELISA PICCA
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November 27, 2024

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Mr. James Reiser, Esq. c/o
Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow
95 Old Country Road
Melville, NY 11747

RE: SITE: West Hills County Park Addition-Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow Property
OWNER: Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow
SCTM #: 0400-228.00-02.00-007.003 p/o
FUNDING: New Suffolk County ¼% Drinking Water Protection Program – PayGo – Open Space

Dear Mr. Reiser:

Suffolk County Procedural Resolution No. 37-2024 (the “Resolution”) recently passed the Legislature and, pursuant thereto we are authorized to solicit your interest in selling the above referenced property to the County of Suffolk for the price set forth below, subject to the complete execution and delivery of a Contract of Sale, final County Legislative approval, final accurate and certified survey and the availability of funds from all appropriate funding sources.

The purchase price will be the sum of \$400,000.00 in full payment for the above referenced property as follows:

<u>Value per Lot</u> (4.64 acres +/-)	<u>Lots</u>	<u>Total</u>
\$400,000.00	1	\$400,000.00

Please indicate your interest by completing the bottom portion of this letter and returning it to me at the address noted below. Please note that this solicitation of interest to sell will remain in effect for **30 calendar days**. If we do not receive your written indication of interest within such 30 calendar day period, this solicitation of interest will be deemed null and void without further action on the part of the County and no further acquisition of this parcel will be pursued by the County. If we receive your written indication of interest within such 30 calendar day period, we will proceed with the preparation of the Contract of Sale to be submitted to you for your review and execution.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at (631) 853-5947.

Yours truly,



Michael Brown
Acquisition Unit

Cc: Elyse Jay, Acctg. Unit
Peggy DeKams, Acq. Unit

SITE: West Hills County Park Addition-Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow Property
OWNER: Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow
SCIM #: 0400-228.00-02.00-007.003 p/o
FUNDING: New Suffolk County ¼% Drinking Water Protection Program – PayGo – Open Space

I am interested and want to proceed with this transaction for the price stated herein.

I am not interested in selling my property to the County.

Owner: _____
Name (authorized to accept) Telephone # Title

Address: _____

Attorney:

Name: Telephone #

Address: _____

**THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND OF
THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA**

**RESOLUTIONS
IN CONNECTION WITH THE FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF GLEN COVE**

WHEREAS, on September 21, 2024, The Presbytery of Long Island of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America (the "Presbytery"), at its Stated Meeting, concurred with the request from First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove ("Glen Gove") to dissolve and appointed an administrative commission (the "Administrative Commission") to oversee the closing process.

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2025, Glen Gove held a closing service.

WHEREAS, in accordance with section G-4.0205 of the Book of Order 2023-2025, Part II of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), Glen Gove is formally dissolved by the Presbytery, and such property formerly held by or for the benefit of Glen Gove is deemed to be held by the Presbytery in conformity with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

NOW, THEREFORE, it is:

RESOLVED, that the Presbytery seeks to sell or otherwise dispose of the real property located at 7 North Lane, Glen Cove, New York 11542 (the "Property"), and in furtherance thereof, now further authorizes, empowers, and directs the Administrative Commission, with the advice of legal counsel, to take all reasonable and necessary actions to market and prepare the Property (including but not limited to engage and negotiate with officials from the City of Glen Cove related to the Property in connection with potential landmark designation, rezoning and/or use restriction(s), and to review and negotiate the terms and conditions of sale or disposition with potential and reasonable bona fide third-party purchasers) for the Presbytery to sell or dispose of the Property as the Presbytery may direct (subject to any guidelines of or established by the Presbytery).

Appendix M pp 38-39**Report of the Executive Presbyter
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting – February 4, 2024 Zoom**

In December, I went to see the Broadway musical *Suffs*, which centers around the story of Alice Paul and other leaders of the movement to pass a constitutional amendment for women's right to vote. One of those leaders was Doris Stevens. Among other positions, she was the executive secretary of the Congression Union for Woman Suffrage (which became the National Women's Party). In the musical version, Doris is always taking notes, writing down what is happening as these extraordinary events, led by ordinary women, unfold.

One of the final songs in the show is called "August 26th, 1920," which is the day that the 19th Amendment was certified, giving women the right to vote in the United States. In the song, Alice Paul asks, "Doris, will you write this down?" Doris sings in response that she now plans to write a book, saying: "So girls will grow up learning what we did... so they can learn how hard it was and know it can be done."

At some point, it struck me that in the Presbyterian world, Doris is the clerk of session, the too-often-unsung hero who captures in writing what happens among an ordinary group of church people seeking to live their part in God's extraordinary story. (Shout out to our awesome, hard-working clerks of session!)

And then I wondered: what if we asked ourselves, every time we meet together, what future Presbyterians reading the recorded minutes of our gatherings would learn about us? What would they discover about the things we prioritized, or prayed about, or risked? Who would they find were the people we served first and foremost? What values would they see in the ways we spend our money? What would be evident about our voice as the church in our communities, nation, and world? And in all of it, would they learn that following Jesus is hard and yet know that it can be done?

We have a new mission statement as a presbytery, thanks to the work of so many who have been part of the visioning process. If at this first meeting of 2025, our presbytery adopts this mission statement, our task will then be to live into it together. And so at every meeting, I hope we ask ourselves: what will the next generation learn in reading about who we are and what we did? Will they see that we embraced the value of grace in a time of deep divisions, of relationship when so much operates to isolate us from each other, of change even when it's so hard to let go of the way things have been, of justice in confronting inequality and hate and dehumanization, and of seeking God's will even when the world's chaos sometimes makes it difficult to hear?

In the past year, I have witnessed three Administrative Commissions walk alongside congregations and ministries that have discerned a faithful ending: First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove, the Glenwood Life Center, and the Valley Stream Presbyterian Church. These are

difficult and painful decisions, and we give thanks for the faithful witness of those worshipping communities, for their service to people in need, and for the ways they have let people who have been too-often marginalized by the larger Church know how much God loves them. But as Pastor Lana Hurst reminded us at the closing service in Glen Cove, even when something ends, God never stops creating. We live a resurrection hope.

So I pray that in the year ahead we do not operate from a sense of fear and scarcity; that we don't cling to the idols of the institution but live boldly as God's people in the world; that we seek energetically the ever-moving, ever-creative Spirit; that we speak God's love, justice, and truth in confronting White Christian nationalism and other shameful distortions of the Gospel; and that we truly commit to loving one another—so that together we can join God in the ongoing work of re-creation. We are living in a time when the Church cannot be silent, timid, or equivocal about our witness to the Christ whose mother understood that God's incarnation “brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly...filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty.” May others know what we did, even and especially when it was hard, so that they, too, know it can be done.

I continue to be deeply grateful for our tireless and faithful staff, Laurie Vu and Charlaine Apsel; for those who serve and lead as our moderators and on our committees and teams; and for each of the congregations in our presbytery, who every day witness to the love of Christ in your communities. We are stronger together, thanks be to God. May God bless us as we follow the one who both turned tables upside down and set tables where all may be fed.