

**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 at the Mattituck Presbyterian Church, 12605 Main Rd, Mattituck, NY 11952, Saturday, May 3, 2025, with 111 in attendance, 61 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 9:30 am.

**Roll Call** - *Separate document*

## **BEGIN OUR WORK**

**The Land Acknowledgement** was led by Rev. James Rea of the Bethany Presbyterian Church in Huntington Station.

*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 opened with prayer.**

## **Welcoming**

The Rev. James F. Cubie extended greetings from the Mattituck Presbyterian Church. Moderator Ellen Gove welcomed Ruling Elders and Teaching Elders to the Presbytery meeting for the first time.

## **Approval of Docket**

**MSP** The Presbytery approved the docket of May 4, 2025

## **Worship**

Special Music - Mattituck Presbyterian Church choir and organist Ann Welcome

Scripture 1 Corinthians 15:50-58 - Elder Lin Bogden

Message - Executive Presbyter/Stated Clerk Rev. Kate Jones Calone

Hymn - "Go to the World!" (GTG #295)

**Service of Recognition of Retirement for CRE Mario Fernandez** was held, with Moderator Elder Ellen Gove, Rev. Kate Jones Calone, and Rev. Ida Rosario giving words of recognition.

**Offering** was collected in support of two local organizations:

*Maureen's Haven Homeless Outreach serves the homeless population on the East End of Long Island by providing essential services, including meals, clothing, case management, and year-round access to basic needs at its Day Center.*

*The Center for Advocacy, Support & Transformation (CAST) has been serving vulnerable individuals and families on Long Island's North Fork since 1965. CAST offers food, housing, healthcare, and employment assistance, along with education, literacy, and workforce training programs. It also engages in advocacy and cultural initiatives to support a diverse community.*

Rev. Kate Jones Calone and CRE Mario Fernandez administered the **Lord's Supper**.

Hymn "May the God of Hope Go with Us" (GTG #765)

**Matthew 25 - "Living into Our Matthew 25 Commitment"**

Rev Scott Williams, Elder Andrea Morgan-Eason, and Deacon Lissa Nelson-Neal of Memorial Presbyterian Church (Roosevelt) gave a presentation on Hope Day and their congregation's participation in the Matthew 25 initiative through community service. (Video presentations by Rev. Janice Moore and Rev. Monica DaCosta were shared with the presbytery online.)

Hope Day is a community outreach event organized by the Hope Day Network, a faith-based, nonprofit organization that equips and empowers churches to serve communities in need. Focused on the New York and New Jersey Metro area, HOPE Day provides vital resources and services, helping churches to make a meaningful impact and transform lives.

**Shepherding Council** *Elder Donald Adams (Report Appendix A - p 44)*

**MSP That the Presbytery approve the submitted slate for the Nominating Committee:  
Class of 2027 Rev. Emily Fowler- Port Jefferson**

**MSP To approve the revised Sexual Misconduct Policy of the Presbytery**

Shepherding Statement (*Appendix B - pp 45-46*)

Elder Donald Adams shared a statement with the presbytery that the Shepherding Council adopted at its meeting on March 31, 2025. The Shepherding Council deemed it important to reaffirm our beliefs in the context of our times. They had many discussions about how to live our faith in such a time as this. This statement was distributed via email to pastors and clerks of session prior to this meeting. As this is currently a statement from the Shepherding Council, presbytery action was not necessary; the intention of the Shepherding Council is to share this statement more broadly with our congregations following this meeting.

**Enduring Witness Team** *Elder Mary Jane Dessables (Appendix C – p 47)*

Elder Mary Jane Dessables shared with the presbytery the new grant application from the Enduring Witness Team and encouraged the congregation to start thinking about what they could do if they had the funding for it.

### **Pray With Us**

*As our presbytery's Visioning Team has been meeting and working together over the past year, we have spent intentional time deepening our relationships with one another. We invite you to join us in some small group time to get to know one another, talk together, and pray together.*

*In your small groups, please take 30 minutes for the following conversation. A member of the Visioning Team will help to facilitate. We encourage you to have inclusive conversations—if you've had a chance to speak, take time to step back and listen; if you haven't spoken, take an opportunity to step into the conversation and share your thoughts.*

*A guide for the conversation:*

- 1. Have each person share their name and congregation.*
- 2. Read together our presbytery's mission statement (adopted by our presbytery on February 4, 2025):*

**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.**

- 3. The Visioning Team identified five core values for our presbytery that shaped this mission statement. Read those values: **God's Will \* Grace \* Relationship \* Change \* Justice***
- 4. Discuss together any or all of the following questions: How do these values speak to you? How might they shape our discipleship together as congregations and as a presbytery? What are some ways that we can live them out? Which of these values in particular draws you in? Which of them do you want to talk about more?*
- 5. Reflect on the meaning of these values for you, personally: how are you discerning God's will, experiencing Christ's grace, strengthening your own relationship with God, being open to Spirit-led change, or working for God's justice?*
- 6. 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!)*

### **Personnel Committee** *Rev. James Rea*

**MSP** To increase the hours of the Treasurer from 8 hours per week to 16 hours per week

**MSP** To re-elect Charlene Apsel as Treasurer of the Presbytery of Long Island for a two-year term

### **Triennium** - *Elder Ellen Gove, Moderator*

We have a group of 14 young people and their Adult Advisors attending the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium in Louisville from July 28th to 31st. The Triennium's theme, 'As If We Were Dreaming,' inspired by Psalm 126, beautifully captures the joy and hope that come from God's restorative presence. This event offers a wonderful opportunity for our youth to participate in worship, learning, and fellowship with thousands of other Presbyterian young people from all over the United States, creating a truly sacred and impactful experience. As a presbytery, we would like to keep our young participants and their leaders

in our prayers as they prepare for and embark on this journey. They will also have a commissioning service the evening before their departure for Louisville. The Moderator asked the presbytery to join in praying for God's continued guidance and blessings upon them throughout their Triennium experience.

**Stated Clerk Report** *Rev. Kate Jones Calone (Appendix D – pp 48-62)*

**MSP That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting on February 4, 2025.**

**Board of Trustees** *Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison (Appendix E – pp 63-69)*

**MSP That the presbytery approve the sale of the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches manse for \$575,000, according to the terms of the offer approved by the session**

**MSP That the presbytery approve the sale of a modified flag lot parcel of 4.98 acres by the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow to Suffolk County.**

**MSP That the presbytery approve the resolutions regarding the Conveyance of Real Property of the Dissolved First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove (see attached resolutions).**

**Adjournment, Closing Prayer & Benediction** at 12:20 PM, Moderator Elder Ellen Gove

**The next Stated Meeting** of the Presbytery will be held on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, in West Islip.

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Stated Clerk Rev. Kate Jones Calone

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**Shepherding Council Report**  
**Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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**Action Items**

**Motion:** That the Presbytery approve the submitted slate for the Nominating Committee  
Class of 2027 Rev. Emily Fowler - *Port Jefferson*

**Motion:** to approve the revised Sexual Misconduct Policy of the Presbytery (*attached*)

**Item for information and/or action:** Statement from the Shepherding Council (*attached*)

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The Shepherding Council met on March 31, 2025, in person and on Zoom, and took the following actions:

- Approved the minutes from its January 13, 2025, meeting.
- Reviewed and discussed a draft statement (*attached*) approved by the Moderator Team and recommended to the Shepherding Council. The Shepherding Council voted to endorse the statement, distribute it to pastors and clerks of session during the week of April 21st, and share it at the May 3rd presbytery meeting.
- Approved taking legal and other costs related to the dissolution of churches from those funds managed by the Shepherding Council.
- Authorized the Personnel Committee to move forward with (a) increasing the number of hours for the Treasurer position; and (b) exploring the creation of a new staff position that would focus on care for and connection with congregations, and to pair with the financial resources for congregations from the Enduring Witness Fund.
- Approved the Committee on Preparation for Ministry including the Presbytery of San Francisco's CLP/CRE program as an option for CRE candidates.
- Approved the creation of an Immigration Task Force for the presbytery.
- Approved a draft revision of the Sexual Misconduct Policy, with review and feedback to be sent to the EP via email.
- Reviewed the presbytery's Harassment Policy.
- Approved the creation of an LGBTQIA+ group within our presbytery.
- Approved exploring the creation of a presbytery account on Bluesky.
- Received reports from the Treasurer, committees, and teams/task forces of our presbytery.

**Statement from the Shepherding Council of the Presbytery of Long Island**

Adopted by the Shepherding Council on March 31, 2025

Presented to the Presbytery of Long Island at its Stated Meeting on May 3, 2025

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*Guided by the Holy 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.*

In the Presbyterian tradition, confessional statements are made by communities of faith in particular times and places who feel called to bear witness to God's truth and grace. "In these statements, the church declares to its members and to the world who and what it is, what it believes, and what it resolves to do. These statements identify the church as a community of people known by its convictions as well as its actions....They claim the truth of the Gospel at those points where their authors perceived that truth to be at risk." (*Book of Order*, F-2.01)

As part of the Body of Christ, we seek to bear witness to God's truth and grace in the communities of Long Island. We do so imperfectly, embodying also the sins, temptations, and abuses that characterize human life. We are diverse in our life experiences, our racial and ethnic identities, our first languages, our economic resources, our countries and religious denominations of origin, our political affiliations, and our family configurations. We celebrate and are strengthened by our unity in diversity and strive, with the Spirit's help, to follow together the Christ who showed us how to love God and love our neighbor, in whom we see the very face of Jesus (Matthew 25:31-46).

As Presbyterians, we exercise and uphold principles of shared authority and governance, where decisions are made in gathered councils and not by any individual. The Constitution of our denomination includes commitments to elections by the people, collective discernment and corporate judgment, and due process. We take seriously the lessons of history, recognizing "the human tendency to idolatry and tyranny" (Book of Order F-2.05).

Above all, we study and are guided by our scriptures, which testify to a God of love for and faithfulness to all people, all nations, and all of creation.

Therefore, at this particular moment in time in the United States of America, we reaffirm what we believe, and what we are called to do, with words from the confessional statements of our ancestors in faith:

- "In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve." (*A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983).
- "We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust." (*The Scots Confession*, 1560)
- "Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death." (*The Theological Declaration of Barmen*, 1934)

- “We reject the false doctrine, as though the State, over and beyond its special commission, should and could become the single and totalitarian order of human life, thus fulfilling the church’s vocation as well. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church, over and beyond its special commission, should and could appropriate the characteristics, the tasks, and the dignity of the State, thus itself becoming an organ of the State.” (*The Theological Declaration of Barmen*, 1934)
- “We believe that God has revealed God’s self as the one who wishes to bring about justice and true peace among people; that God, in a world full of injustice and enmity, is in a special way the God of the destitute, the poor and the wronged...that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need, which implies, among other things, that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream; that the church as the possession of God must stand where the Lord stands, namely against injustice and with the wronged; that in following Christ the church must witness against all the powerful and privileged who selfishly seek their own interests and thus control and harm others.” (*Confession of Belhar*, 1986)
- “The church is called to bring all men to receive and uphold one another as persons in all relationships of life: in employment, housing, education, leisure, marriage, family, church, and the exercise of political rights. Therefore the church labors for the abolition of all racial discrimination and ministers to those injured by it.” (*The Confession of 1967*)
- “The reconciliation of man through Jesus Christ makes it plain that enslaving poverty in a world of abundance is an intolerable violation of God’s good creation.” (*The Confession of 1967*)
- “In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.” (*A Brief Statement of Faith*, 1983)
- “With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.” (*The Confession of 1967*)

Because they are not consistent with our faith, we therefore reject:

- the equating of Christianity with the nation
- the elimination, dismantling, or underfunding of programs that protect and help poor families and children, both in the United States and around the world
- the erasure of history—whether in a museum, in digital spaces, in schools, or in government—because that history lifts up the diverse experiences of people in our country
- any dehumanization of people, including but not limited to immigrants, women, LGBTQIA+ people, and people of color
- the unjust detainment and deportation of residents and students without due process and/or based on their beliefs or participation in the constitutionally-protected right to protest
- the disproportionate influence of wealth on the electoral process and public policy
- the degradation of God’s natural creation



## THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND

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### Enduring Witness Team Grant Inquiry Application

The Enduring Witness Team is offering grants to congregations to support your ministry.  
To begin the conversation about your congregation's funding needs, please complete and return the form below.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Congregation Name and Town \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant contact information

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Position in the Congregation (Pastor, Elder, Treasurer, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

What is the amount of your grant request? \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Has your session voted to approve this initial application? \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No

**Please fill out or attach the following questions to the application.**

1. What do you want to use the money to do?
2. Why is this important?
3. Does this affect or have an impact on anyone outside your congregation? Who and how?

Please return completed application to the Enduring Witness Team via:

Email: [enduringwitness@presbyteryofli.org](mailto:enduringwitness@presbyteryofli.org)

or

Mail: Presbytery of Long Island  
Attn: Enduring Witness Team  
109 Udall Rd. West Islip, NY 11795

**Report of the Stated Clerk**  
**Stated Meeting of Presbytery – May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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**Actions:**

The Stated Clerk recommends the following items for action:

**\*Motion:** That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting on February 4, 2025 (minutes included in the packet, attachments, and reports available on the PLI website) (*pp 30-35*)

**Information**

1. **Presbytery of Long Island's 2024 Statistical Summary is attached** (*p 36*)
2. **Reminder: As of May 2025, the following churches have not submitted their 2024 minutes for review.**  
Amagansett, Babylon, Bellmore, Brentwood PIPH, Cutchogue, East Hampton First, Freeport, Garden City, Great Neck, Greenlawn, Huntington Station, Islip, Malverne, Malverne NV, Merrick, Mineola, Montauk, New Hyde Park, New Hyde Park Korean, Oceanside, Port Jefferson, Sag Harbor, Selden, Southampton First, Shinnecock, Yaphank
3. **Written reports:**  
**Committee on Ministry** *attached*  
**Committee on Preparation for Ministry** *attached*  
**Valley Stream Administrative Commission** *attached*  
**Yaphank Administrative Commission** *attached*  
**Glen Cove Administrative Commission** *attached*  
**Garden City Administrative Commission** *have not received*  
**Treasurer Report** *attached*  
**Triennium Report** *attached*
4. **PC(USA) Co-Moderator Rev. Tony Larson to visit our presbytery in September!** Rev. Larson, former pastor of the Springs Community Presbyterian Church, is the current Co-Moderator of our denomination and will be visiting our presbytery September 14 - 16. Rev. Larson will preach at our next presbytery meeting on September 16th in West Islip, so please make a special effort to attend!
5. **Presbytery Day**  
Save the Date! Presbytery Day this year will be held on November 15th, in conjunction with our Stated Presbytery Meeting, at First Presbyterian Church of Northport. The program will be led by staff from the PC(USA) Office of Innovation.
6. **EPIC: Episcopalians and Presbyterians in Conversation**  
Our presbytery continues to participate in enriching dialogue with the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island. Leaders from our presbytery met with representatives from the Presbytery of NYC, the Episcopal Diocese of New York, and the Episcopal Diocese of Long Island on May 1, 2025, at St. Ann & the Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn.
7. Have you taken advantage of the amazing resources of **Practical Resources for Churches (PRC)**? On the PRC website ([prcli.org](http://prcli.org)), you'll find countless webinars on topics that meet the real needs of congregations. In the first months of 2025, PRC webinars are addressing topics including: doing justice, tax and legal implications of space sharing, creative use of church property, NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training,

legacy giving, health church culture, and corporate governance (to name just a few!). If you have a question related to church leadership or faith-formation, it's almost certain the PRC has done a webinar on that very topic. The PRC also offers consulting for congregations, books, curriculum, and a vast library of digital resources. Our presbytery treasurer, Charlene Apsel, is also the PRC Executive Director, and our congregations can use the PRC for free!

**8. Charles and Rose Rennick Scholarship Committee**

The scholarship for 2024 was awarded to Katheryn Leticia from the Malverne/Nueva Vida Church.

9. The following **letter was sent to Rev. Colby Rohde** on April 4, 2025, via mail and email:

Dear Rev. Rohde,

Peace and grace to you. I pray that you are doing well and having a meaningful Lenten season. Please forgive the formal nature of this letter, but I have attempted to reach you by both phone and email over the last several months with no response.

I am writing on behalf of the Committee on Ministry (COM). The COM recently revisited the validation of your ministry with the Island Christian Church. That ministry originally was validated by the COM on January 10, 2023, with the stipulation that you provide your terms of call annually to the COM and remain an active member of a presbytery committee.

As a presbytery, we have not received your terms of call, a response to our annual requests for reports from pastors, or any communication from you regarding your ministry. Therefore, as of its meeting on March 11, 2025, the COM has decided not to validate your ministry with Island Christian Church. Additionally, you have not participated in meetings of the presbytery or its committees or in a congregation of the presbytery or in correspondence with the PC(USA), which are expectations of members-at-large (G-2.0503a, b).

Book of Order section G-2.0508 governs a minister of the Word and Sacrament no longer engaged in a validated ministry or fulfilling the criteria for membership-at-large. I will follow the process outlined in G-2.0508 and report to the presbytery annually that you are no longer engaged in a validated ministry or fulfilling the criteria for membership-at-large. After three years, the presbytery may delete your name from the roll of membership.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or to discuss further.

God's blessings upon you and your ministry.

Peace,

Kate Jones Calone  
Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk

10. The following correspondence was received on April 17, 2025, from the **Valley Stream South Asian Fellowship**. The Valley Stream Administrative Commission is meeting with the South Asian Fellowship on May 27, 2025, for further discussion.

**Subject:** Request for Recognition as a Chartered Church

Dear Kate Jones Calone

Grace and peace to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the leadership and congregation of South Asian Presbyterian Fellowship, I write to formally request recognition our fellowship as a **chartered church** within our Presbyterian denomination.

By God's grace, our church has grown in both faith and fellowship, and we will meet the requirements set forth for chartering as outlined in the polity of our denomination. We have demonstrated sustained ministry, a committed body of believers, leadership structure, and financial responsibility. Our mission is deeply rooted in Scripture and aligned with the vision of the wider church.

We believe that becoming a chartered congregation will further strengthen our ministry, deepen our connectional ties, and allow us to serve our community and the broader Church with even greater faithfulness.

Please find attached list of Church Body:

1. Elders: Mrs. Rakhil Saleem, Mrs. Niva Khan, Mr. Shoukat Masih, Mr. Sohail Rashid, Mr. Zaki Y John
2. Secretary: Mr. Shahbaz Masih
3. Treasury/Book Kipping: Mr. Aurther Shahzad
4. Deacons: Mr. Saleem Masih, Mr. Zia Y. John, Mr. Sam Burke, Mr. Shahzad Khurm
5. Youth Coordinator: Mrs. Sadia Farooq
6. Choir Director: Mr. Sam Burke
7. Assistance Coordinator: Mr.Zia Y John

We humbly request that our petition be placed on the docket for the next stated meeting of the presbytery. We are happy to present our case in person and answer any questions as needed.

Thank you for your faithful leadership and partnership in the gospel. We look forward to walking together more closely in the mission of Christ's Church.

In Christ's service,

**Rev. Iftikhar Bhatti**

11. **"Connecting Across Our Presbytery: Monthly Monday Chats"** *see attached (p 49)*

**Committee On Ministry (COM)**  
**Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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**No Items for Action**

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**At its meeting on January 14, 2025**

**Information**

**MSP** To grant a one-year extension for Elder Katie Zarghami on the Roslyn Session and Elder Debbie Eitel on the Greenlawn Session.

**MSP** To approve the transfer of Rev. Ralph Wright from the Presbytery of Long Island to the Presbytery of Grand Canyon upon his request

**MSP** To allow the Bellmore Presbyterian Church to elect the current Search committee to become the PNC and to expand their search to include candidates for an installed position.

**MSP** To allow Elder David Brackett to moderate the Annual Meeting in Roslyn on January 26, 2025.

**MSP** To allow the Rev. Mike Smith to Moderate the Bridgehampton Presbyterian Church Annual Meeting.

**MSP** To allow the Presbyterian Church of Islip to extend the session term of Elder Jan Jacovina for an additional year.

**Agreements and Terms of Call**

**MSP** To re-commission **Ruling Elder Mario Fernandez to service at the Primera Iglesia Presbiteriana Hispana de Brentwood for the period January 1, 2025, through June 30, 2025**, with permission to administer the Sacraments, to perform marriages as allowed by New York State law, and to have voice and vote at Presbytery meetings.

Time	Part-time (20h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	NA	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 7,498	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	Standard IRS Rate
SECA Tax	NA	Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement	\$300
Pension	NA	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	\$ 300
Death & Disability	NA	Continuing Education days	2 days
Medical	NA	Vacation days	1 week
Dental	NA	Family Leave	NA
Temp Disability	NA	Moving Expenses	NA
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training is required annually		PRC	11/2024
Boundary Training is required every three years		PLI	10/2023
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training is required every three years		PLI Prasadum Academy	11/2024

**MSP** To re-commission **Ruling Elder Richard King to service at the Cutchoke Presbyterian Church for the period January 1, 2025, through December 31, 2025**, with permission to administer the Sacraments, to perform marriages as allowed by New York State law, and to have voice and vote at Presbytery meetings.

Time	Part-time (20h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	NA	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 36,000	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	Standard IRS Rate
SECA Tax	NA	Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement	NA
Pension	NA	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	NA
Death & Disability	NA	Continuing Education days	2 weeks
Medical	NA	Vacation days	4 weeks

Dental	NA	Family Leave	NA
Temp Disability	NA	Moving Expenses	NA
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training is required annually		PRC	10/2024
Boundary Training is required every three years		PLI	10/2023
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training is required every three years		PLI Prasidium Academy	10/2024

**MSP** The Committee approved the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement and Terms of Call between the **Rev. Sharon Austin Barrow and the Session of the Presbyterian Church in Elmont for the following terms: February 1, 2025 - January 31, 2026.**

Time	16 hours	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	\$2,240.	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Free use of manse	\$30,000	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	NA
SECA Tax	\$2,657.61	Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement	NA
Pension	NA	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	NA
Death & Disability	NA	Continuing Education days	NA
Medical	NA	Vacation days - 30 days, including 5 Sundays	
Dental	NA	Family Leave	
Temp Disability	NA	Moving Expenses	
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training is required annually		PRC	11/2024
Boundary Training is required every three years		PLI	11/2024
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training is required every three years		PLI Prasidium Academy	11/2024

**At its meeting on February 11, 2025**

**Information**

**MSP** To clarify, the 2025 Compensation Package will include continuing education time and vacation time for Temporary Supply Pastors.

**MSP** To invites elders participating in the Elder Preaching Class to complete the application for the Pulpit Supply list upon finishing the course.

**MSP** To concur with the mutual dissolution of the Installed Pastoral Relationship with Rev. David Coello and the congregation at Middle Island Presbyterian Church, 19 County Rte 24, Ridge, NY 11961, at the February 23, 2025, Congregational Meeting.

**MSP** To Approve the transfer of Rev. David Coello from the Presbytery of Long Island to the Mission Presbytery upon his request.

**MSP** To Approve the Sabbatical Leave Proposal of Rev. Dr. James B. Rea, Jr. and the Bethany Presbyterian Church for June 1, 2025 – August 31, 2025

**Agreements and Terms of Call**

**MSP** The renewal of the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement and Terms between the **Session of the Community Presbyterian Church of Deer Park and Rev. Dennis Carter starting March 1, 2025- February 28, 2026**

Time	Part-Time (30 h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	\$ 55,677	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 25,000	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	NA
SECA Tax	\$ 6,171.10	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	NA
Pension	\$6,857.55	Continuing Education days	14 days including 2 Sundays
Death & Disability	\$806.76	Vacation days	30 days including 5 Sundays

Medical	NA	Family Leave	As per the 2025 Compensation program
Dental	NA	Moving Expenses	NA
Temp Disability	\$521.04		
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually			12/2024 PRC
Boundary Training is required every three years			10/2023 PLI
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**At its meeting on March 11, 2025**

**Information**

**MSA** To inform ministers, on the Pulpit Supply list, that continuation on the Pulpit Supply list requires completing the required training.

**MSP To** Approve Rev. Candance Whitman to Moderate the Yaphank Church Session.

**MSP To** Approve Elder Rich Schneider to Moderate the Bridgehampton Church Session.

**MSP To** Approve Elder Donald Adams to Moderate the Middle Island Church Session.

**MSP To** allow Kate to be in discussion with the presbyteries of New Jersey to develop a Communion Class for Elders

**MSP To** begin the process of communicating, in accordance with G-2.0508, with both Rev. Rohde and the presbytery, Rev. Rohde’s ministry is no longer meeting the criteria for validated ministry or membership-at-large.

**MSP To** correct the terms of the call for Rev. Ida Rosario and the Brentwood Presbyterian Church to reflect the tax-deferred investment as \$7,200.

**MSP Approves** the year two request for a Salary Supplement of \$6,662.25 (\$555.19 a month) for the year starting March 1, 2025, to February 28, 2026, for the Rev. Wade Pond and Melville/Sweet Hollow Church.

**Agreements and Terms of Call**

**MSP Approves** the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the **Presbyterian Church of the Moriches and Rev. Antionette (Toni) Walrond starting February 1, 2025 - February 2, 2026.** and to allow Rev. Antionette (Toni) Walrond, with Rev. Glorya Johnson's guidance, to transition to Moderate the Session of the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches

Time	Part-Time (24h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	\$ 22,000	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 18,000	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	NA
SECA Tax	\$ 3,060	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	\$1050
Pension	NA	Continuing Education days	14 days including 2 Sundays
Death & Disability	NA	Vacation days	30 days including 5 Sundays
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			07/2024 PRC
Boundary Training is required every three years			10/2023 PLI
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years			08/2024 Prasidium Academy

**MSP Approved** extending the current Temporary Supply Agreement between the **First Presbyterian Church of Freeport session and Our Saviour Lutheran Church of Jamaica, Queens, with Rev. Moira Ahearne from March 1, 2025, to April 13, 2025.**

**MSP To** re-Commission Ruling Elder Magalene McClarrin to serve as the Extended Pulpit Supply Pastor for the

Presbyterian Church in Garden City and to approve the Agreement between the **Session of the Presbyterian Church in Garden City and CRE Magalene McClarrin from March 1, 2025, through September 30, 2025**. CRE Magalene McClarrin will be paid \$600 weekly for 25 hours per week plus mileage. In addition to preparing and leading weekly worship on Sundays at 10:30 AM, she will provide pastoral care for members, lead worship services on Christmas Eve, Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, and other special events, no planned office hours, supervision of staff, and serve as moderator of the session. (start of first EPSP August 2024)

NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually 04/2024 PRC  
 Boundary Training is required every three years 10/2023 PLI  
 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years 05/2024 Prasidium Academy

**MSP To approve the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the Community Presbyterian Church of Malverne and Rev. Janice Moore starting April 1, 2025 - March 31, 2026**

Time	Part-Time (20h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	\$ 500	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 32,760	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	NA
SECA Tax	\$ 2,506	Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement	\$500
Pension	NA	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	\$500
Death & Disability	NA	Continuing Education days	
Medical	NA	Vacation days	30 days including 8 Sundays
Dental	NA	Family Leave	As per the 2025 Compensation program.
Temp Disability	NA	Moving Expenses	NA

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**MSP to approve the Temporary Supply Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the Amagansett Presbyterian Church and Rev. Robert Griffin starting February 20, 2025 - February 19, 2026**

Time	Part-Time (20h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA Cash
Salary	\$ 25,000	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 25,000	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	IRS Rate
SECA Tax	\$ 3,825	Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement	\$500
Pension	NA	Continuing Ed Expense Reimbursement	\$1500
Death & Disability	NA	Continuing Education days	14 days including 2 Sundays
Medical	NA	Vacation days	15 days including 5 Sundays
Dental	NA	Family Leave	As per the 2025 Compensation program.
Temp Disability	NA		

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**Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)**  
**Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting – May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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**NO ACTION ITEMS**

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**Members of CPM**

Rev. Emily Arnold  
Elder Alex Lyons  
Rev. Dr. Johanna McCune Wagner - Chair  
Rev. Gloria Johnson  
Rev. Moira Ahearne  
Elder Janice Kincaid  
CRE Pat Hanly

CPM met on April 10, 2025, on Zoom

Committee Reports for Information to the Presbytery:

1. CPM has approved Carolyn Corwith (Bridgehampton Presbyterian Church) to come under the committee's care as a CRE candidate.
2. CPM has approved Sheri Myers (Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow, Melville) to come under the committee's care as an inquirer

**Presbytery of Long Island**  
**Valley Stream Administrative Commission, May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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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 three times since the last Presbytery Meeting: February 6, 27, and March 20. We addressed several matters related to the closing of the church and the status of the property.

We continued to meet with former members of the congregation and plan for a Closing Service, which was held on March 23, 2025.

We maintain open lines of communication with organizations and worshipping bodies currently meeting in the church, and continue to address several concerns about building use agreements, heat and thermostat settings, and minor (and some major) repairs, as well as the arrival of (with Spring) of ants. We scheduled various utility inspections and upgrades.

We evaluated and considered offers to purchase the property, as well as other options for transitional stewardship of the building.

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.

The Valley Stream Commission also is in conversation with Rev. Iftikhar Bhatti and the South Asian Fellowship and will assist in advising them on the initial steps in the process of moving from a fellowship to a chartered church, unless and until a separate Administrative Commission is required for that process.

**Presbytery of Long Island  
Yaphank Administrative Commission May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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Rev. Wade Pond (chair)  
Rev. Candace Whitman  
Elder Don Adams  
Elder Jean Hrbek  
Elder Connie Pititto

With Rev. David Coello's acceptance of receiving a call in Texas, Yaphank's focus is one in which they must navigate the waters of discernment regarding their next steps. Due to the timing of this transition, the COM, with the AC's suggestion, has appointed Rev. Candace Whitman as moderator for Yaphank.

The commission has received Rev. Coello's notes regarding a reflective workshop that had been conducted with members and friends of the congregation.

The AC plans to reconvene these conversations following the celebration of Easter.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Wade Pond

**Presbytery of Long Island**  
**Glen Cove Administrative Commission May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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Meetings: Since my January 27, 2025, report to the Presbytery, the Glen Cove Administrative Commission has met three times:

- February 10, 2025, via Zoom
- March 3, 2025, via Zoom
- March 13, 2025, via Zoom

The members of the Glen Cove Administrative Commission are: 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).

In addition, the following people attended meetings at various times to lend their expertise: Charlaine Apsel (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).

Since January 27, 2025, the following items have been completed by the Commission:

- Steve Bodden has shown the building to several interested buyers.
- Several members of the Commission have met with the Glen Cove Mayor.
- Several members of the Commission have met with the Glen Cove Landmarks Commission.
- Banners have been given to the PRC.
- Sorting and boxing of church records has taken place. Important historical, financial, and historical documents have been moved to the Presbytery offices.
- Pastor's salary and benefits have been settled.
- End-of-the-year financial reconciliation has taken place.
- All certificates of insurance by building users are now in the hands of the Presbytery.
- The Manse has been appraised.
- The Commission moved to offer the property to a certain religious organization, on the recommendation of Steve Bodden. This took place at the March 13 meeting of the Commission. As we have not met since that time, there is no update.

The following tasks are ongoing: (Note that this information is as of March 13. Some of these tasks may have been completed.)

- The Presbytery plans on sending an email blast as to who would like Glen Cove's hymnals, choir music, etc.
- Church secretary and custodian are still working.
- Groundskeeping will start soon.
- Building use agreements are still being collected.
- Battery on keypad to church keeps running down. Need to consult with a locksmith.
- Follow up on legacy bequest to the church, and determine whether the bequest can continue after the church closes
- Financial records for 2024 are in one of the boxes in the Presbytery office and need to be located.

- Investments to be transferred into the Presbytery's name.
- Presbytery Treasurer's name to be moved to all bank accounts.
- Church members to decide on legacy gifts to local organizations.
- There is a silver Communion set in the kitchen. A decision needs to be made about what to do with it.
- There are homeless people who use the church address for Social Security checks, etc. These people need to be contacted.
- Zoning on the church property had been changed – a mistake by the City. It needs to be changed back.
- The Commission constantly asks about and prays for the Glen Cove congregants. They get together about once a month for fellowship. Pastor Lana meets with them. She continues her counseling practice and has been accepted into a Ph.D. program.

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 - 1st Quarter**  
**Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

2025 Per Capita	# of Churches	
0% Per Capita	32	
8% - 56%	15	27,181.25
100%	3	6,946.17
		<b>34,127.42</b>

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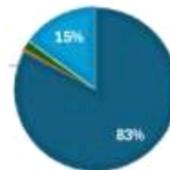
2024 PC received in 2025

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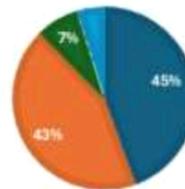
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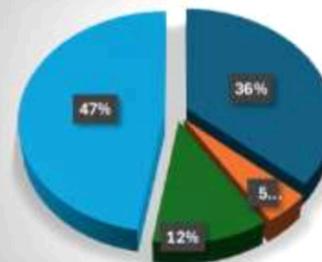


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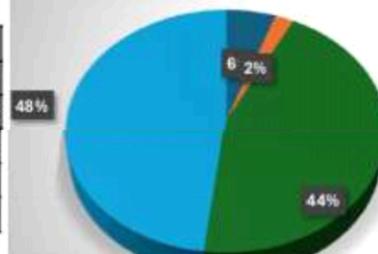
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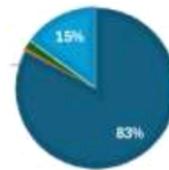
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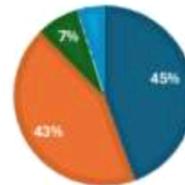
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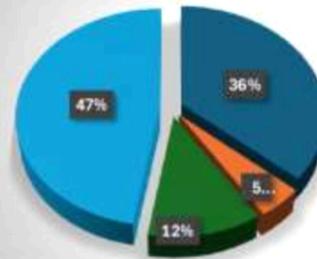


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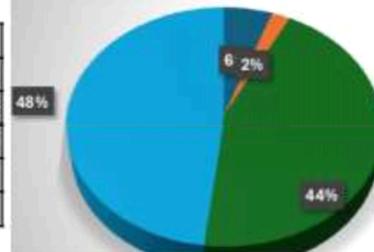
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**Triennium**  
**Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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The following list will be attending the 2025 Presbyterian Youth Triennium, taking place from July 28 to 31 in Louisville, KY.

<b>1</b>	<b>Marissa Ganga</b>	Brentwood	Youth Worker
<b>2</b>	<b>Lauren Seecharan</b>	Bentwood	Youth Participant
<b>3</b>	<b>Deanna Campbell</b>	Malverne	Youth Participant
<b>4</b>	<b>Emily Leverage</b>	Malverne	Youth Participant
<b>5</b>	<b>Brandon Sclafani</b>	Port Jefferson	Youth Participant
<b>6</b>	<b>Jane Troncoso</b>	Port Jefferson	Adult Advisor
<b>7</b>	<b>Peter Calone</b>	Setauket	Youth Participant
<b>8</b>	<b>Meg Calone</b>	Setauket	Youth Participant
<b>9</b>	<b>Rose Hector</b>	Selden	Youth Participant
<b>10</b>	<b>Jack Ewing</b>	Bellmore	Youth Participant
<b>11</b>	<b>John Ogilvie</b>	Bellmore	Youth Participant
<b>12</b>	<b>McKayla Corey</b>	Bellmore	Youth Participant
<b>13</b>	<b>Layla Hughes</b>	Roosevelt	Youth Participant
<b>14</b>	<b>Janice Moore</b>	Malverne	Adult Advisor
<b>15</b>	<b>Allison Cotter</b>	Bellmore	Adult Advisor
<b>16</b>	<b>Osato Iowa</b>	Hempstead	Adult Advisor
<b>17</b>	<b>Bennet Surjanic</b>	Port Jefferson	Youth Participant
<b>18</b>	<b>Joseph Viggiano</b>	Port Jefferson	Youth Participant

# Connecting Across Our Presbytery: Monthly Monday Chats

## Mark your calendars!

Join fellow Presbyterians from across Long Island for monthly *Monday Chats*: one-hour, informal Zoom conversations designed to help us connect, share, and grow together.



**WHEN:** Generally the 4th Monday of each month at 7:00 PM on Zoom  
(occasional adjustments made for holidays)



**ZOOM LINK:** Click to Join - [Meeting ID: 880 7695 3436 430 Passcode: 150341](#)



**WHO'S INVITED:** Everyone! Church members, elders, pastors, CREs, committee members, etc.—you are all welcome!

**WHAT'S IT ABOUT?** Our congregations share common opportunities and challenges—and a wealth of experience. These chats provide space for meaningful conversation around key ministry topics. Come to listen, learn, and share what you've discovered through your own congregation's ministries. Each session will be gently facilitated, with lots of time for open conversation.

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## Let's Chat About...

**MAY 19, 2025 7-8 PM**

### **BEING THE CHURCH IN CHALLENGING TIMES**

Are you navigating diverse political perspectives in your congregation? Thinking about how to address current issues from a faith perspective? Wondering about what churches can and cannot do in mission and advocacy? Concerned about societal divisions affecting your church community? Let's chat about how we are being the church in challenging times.

**JUNE 23, 2025 7-8 PM**

### **NURTURING NEW LEADERS IN YOUR CONGREGATION**

Is your Nominating Committee finding it hard to "fill the slots" on your session and other leadership bodies? Do you tend to have the same people doing everything in the church? Are you thinking about extending people's leadership terms past their six years? Let's chat and share ideas for nurturing new leaders.

**JULY 28, 2025 7-8 PM**

### **CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION**

How can we provide opportunities for busy congregation members to grow in their faith? Are you exploring new approaches to bible study and adult education? Do you have a Confirmation Class or need ideas for confirming one or two youth? What strategies can help engage families with school-age children? Let's chat about creative ways to nurture faith for every generation.

**AUGUST 25, 2025 7-8 PM**

### **BEING AN ELDER COMMISSIONER TO OUR PRESBYTERY**

Have you been asked to serve as a commissioner from your congregation to a presbytery meeting? Are you unsure what that means or hesitant to say "yes"? Or do you LOVE this role and want to share why you serve? Let's chat about being a commissioner, preparing for a presbytery meeting, and the importance of shared leadership between ruling elders and ministers in our denomination.

**SEPTEMBER 22, 2025 7-8 PM**

### **SMALL CHURCHES DOING BIG THINGS!**

Are you a "small church" (however you define that!)? Are you excited about a ministry that you are doing and could share how you're making it happen? Are you dreaming about a ministry but not sure you can make it happen? Let's chat about small churches imagining and doing big things!

**HAVE AN IDEA FOR A FUTURE CHAT ?**

Email: Kate Jones Calone  
[kate@presbyteryofil.org](mailto:kate@presbyteryofil.org)



**LET'S STRENGTHEN ONE ANOTHER AS WE FOLLOW CHRIST— SEE YOU ON ZOOM!**

**Report of the Board of Trustees**  
**Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 3, 2025 - Mattituck**

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**Items for Actions:**

**Motion:** that the presbytery approve the sale of the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches manse for \$575,000, according to the terms of the offer approved by the session.

**Motion:** that the presbytery approve the sale of a modified flag lot parcel of 4.98 acres by the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow to Suffolk County.

**Motion:** that the presbytery approve the resolutions regarding the Conveyance of Real Property of the Dissolved First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove (see attached resolutions).

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The Trustees met on November 13, 2024, via Zoom.

Present: Rev. Ida Rosario, Rev. Steve Adkison, Elder Bill Phillips, Elder Candace Breen Warren, Treasurer Charlaine Apsel, EP / Stated Clerk Kate Jones Calone

- The meeting opened with prayer.
- The Trustees set its 2025 meeting dates (all on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM on Zoom): January 15, March 19, April 23, June 18, September 3, and November 5.
- MSP: Approve the minutes from 9/18/24 meeting
- Prompted by a request for a loan from the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church, the Trustees discussed generally whether the presbytery should engage in issuing loans to congregations and reviewed a draft loan application. Kate shared input from the Shepherding Council. Charlaine shared which funds are available and recommendations to use funds that are designated as “revolving loan funds.” The Trustees approved an application form for congregations to request a loan.
- The Trustees held a consultation with Rev. Wade Pond from the Sweet Hollow congregation, requesting a \$25,000 loan to help pay for 2025 insurance costs. The Session is asking for a loan until the funds are received from a land sale. MSP: Send the loan application form to the Sweet Hollow congregation to complete
- The Trustees held a consultation with Elder Bill Phillips regarding the Center Moriches congregation’s desire to sell their manse. After discussion, the Trustees have no objection to the Center Moriches congregation exploring the sale of the manse, and asked that the Committee on Ministry also be consulted to ensure that they have no concerns.
- The Trustees discussed a sale of the property of the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove and a particular offer. MSP: to authorize the Administrative Commission to explore this offer and others, with the stipulation that it does not include the presbytery holding a note.

## Stated Meeting of the Presbytery of Long Island May 3, 2025 - Mattituck

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- The Trustees received updates on: E. Moriches property, the Shinnecock manse project, the sale of the Glenwood Life Center property, the vacant Glenwood Landing Manse, the Valley Stream Presbyterian Church, and the network of church property committee chairs.
- MSP to Adjourn. The meeting closed with prayer.

The Trustees met on January 15, 2025, via Zoom.

Present: Rev. Ida Rosario, Rev. Steve Adkison, Elder Bill Phillips, Elder Candace Breen Warren, Rev. Paul Lent, Treasurer Charlaïne Apsel, EP / Stated Clerk Kate Jones Calone

- The meeting opened with prayer
- MSP: Approve the minutes from 11/13/24 meeting
- Charlaïne Apsel shared an update on the presbytery's finances.
- Candace Breen agreed to serve on the Enduring Witness Team as the representative from the Trustees.
- The Trustees discussed Suffolk County's offer to purchase a portion of the Sweet Hollow congregation's land for \$400,000. The congregation approved the sale at a congregational meeting on December 15, 2024. MSP: to recommend that the presbytery approve the Sweet Hollow Presbyterian Church 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.
- The Trustees discussed the Sweet Hollow congregation's loan application. MSP: approve the application with the stipulation that per capita arrears are paid at the time of the sale.
- The Trustees received updates on: E. Moriches property, the Shinnecock manse project, the closing on the sale of the Glenwood Life Center property, the Valley Stream Presbyterian Church, the Remsenburg church, and the network of church property committee chairs.
- The Trustees discussed the vacant Glenwood Landing manse and the repairs needed. MSP to proceed with marking the property for sale.
- The Trustees approved an agreement between the Mineola congregation and the Edge City church previously reviewed by email.
- MSP to Adjourn. The meeting closed with prayer.

The Trustees met on March 19, 2025, via Zoom.

Present: Rev. Ida Rosario, Rev. Steve Adkison, Elder Bill Phillips, Elder Candace Breen Warren, Rev. Paul Lent, Elder Amelia Chin, Elder Natasha Hines, Treasurer Charlaïne Apsel, EP / Stated Clerk Kate Jones Calone

- The meeting opened with prayer.
- MSP: Approve the minutes from 1/15/25 meeting.
- The Trustees held a consultation with Rev. Rachel Vione from First Presbyterian Northport regarding a building owned by the congregation that is not being used by the church but by a nonprofit organization. MSP: to approve FPC Northport moving forward with exploring sale of the particular adjacent property, with any final terms to return to the Trustees for discussion.
- Charlaïne Apsel shared an update on the presbytery's finances and accounts.
- The Trustees received updates on: E. Moriches property, the Shinnecock manse project, the Glen Cove property, the Glenwood Landing manse, the Valley Stream Presbyterian Church, the Remsenburg church,

conversations with the Westhampton church regarding historical landmarking, and the network of church property committee chairs.

- The Trustees discussed the sale of the Center Moriches manse. The congregation voted to sell the manse and the session authorized Bill P. to bring an offer to the Trustees, which the Trustees reviewed. MSP to recommend that the presbytery approve the sale of the manse for \$575,000, according to the terms of the offer approved by the session.
- The Trustees discussed the potential sale of the PIPH Brentwood original building (the congregation now nests in the building of the Brentwood Presbyterian Church). The congregation voted to approve a sale, and the session engaged Steve Bodden as broker. MSP: to approve that PIPH can move forward on marketing their property appraised at \$385,000, with expenses for the sale to be fronted by the presbytery and then repaid from the proceeds of the sale.
- The Trustees reviewed a draft manse agreement to be used at the outset of a pastoral call. MSP to approve the draft manse agreement and recommend it to the Committee on Ministry.
- Kate reported that the presbytery has added the Valley Stream South Asian Fellowship and Mission Emmanuel to the presbytery's liability insurance policy.
- Amelia Chin will work with Charlaine on updating the presbytery's Financial Operating Manual.
- Candace Breen shared an update from the Enduring Witness Team.
- MSP to Adjourn. The meeting closed with prayer.

The Trustees met on April 23, 2025, via Zoom.

Present: Rev. Steve Adkison, Rev. Ida Rosario, Rev. Paul Lent, Elder Amelia Chin, Elder Bill Phillips, Elder Natasha Hines, EP/Stated Clerk Kate Jones Calone, Treasurer Charlaine Apsel

- The Trustees held a consultation with Rev. Wade Pond regarding a revision in the parcel that the Sweet Hollow congregation is in the process of selling to Suffolk County for \$400,000, which would create a flag lot of 4.98 acres rather than a plot of 4.64 acres plus an easement. MSP: to approve sale of the modified parcel and to recommend presbytery approval.
- The Trustees held a discussion with Merrill Lynch financial advisor David Haight regarding the presbytery's investment and checking account holdings at Merrill Lynch.
- The Trustees received resolutions regarding the sale of the First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove property and the prior Glenwood Presbyterian Church manse. MSP: to approve the resolutions as drafted.

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**CERTIFICATE OF THE STATED CLERK**

I, Rev. Kate Jones Calone, am the Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk of The Presbytery of Long Island of the Presbyterian Church in the United States of America, also known as The Presbytery of Long Island of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) (the "Presbytery") and have reviewed the relevant minutes and records of meetings of the members of the Presbytery.

I hereby certify that the attached resolutions entitled "Conveyance of Real Property of the Dissolved First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove" was duly adopted at a meeting of the members of the Presbytery on May 03, 2025, at which a quorum was present and acting throughout, was adopted by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present, has not been modified or amended, and remains in full force and effect.

The undersigned further certifies the details of the vote as follows:

Total Number of Members: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Members Attending Meeting: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Votes in Favor of the Resolutions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Votes Against the Resolutions: \_\_\_\_\_  
Number of Members Abstaining from the Vote: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of this certification: \_\_\_\_\_

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Rev. Kate Jones Calone  
Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk

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**RESOLUTIONS BY THE MEMBERS**

**CONVEYANCE OF REAL PROPERTY OF THE  
DISSOLVED 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, appointed an administrative commission to oversee the closing of First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove ("Glen Cove"), and to close out its ministry, including to arrange for pastoral care of its remaining members and considering the future use of its real property.

**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 therefore, the property previously held by or for the benefit of Glen Gove is now held by the Presbytery in conformity with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including, but not limited to, certain real property located at 7 North Lane, Glen Cove, New York 11542, identified on the Nassau County tax map records, as Section 23, Block 5 and Lot 29 (the "Church Parcel") and 1 William Street, Glen Cove, New York 11542, identified on the Nassau County tax map records, as Section 21, Block 026 and Lot 2 (the "Residential Parcel", and collectively with the Church Parcel, hereinafter defined as the "Property").

**WHEREAS**, on February 4, 2025, the Presbytery, at its Stated Meeting, determined to sell or otherwise dispose of the Property, and authorized, empowered and directed the Administrative Commission, upon the advice of legal counsel, to take all reasonable and necessary actions to market and prepare to sell or dispose of the Property.

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance thereof, the Administrative Commission ordered and obtained an appraisal of the Property (the "Appraisal") that concluded the "as is" value of the Property to be \$3,125,000.00 (the "Appraised Value") (with the appraised value of the Church Parcel established as \$2,300,000.00, as of December 1, 2024, and the appraised value of the Residential Parcel established as \$825,000.00, as of November 22, 2024), and engaged Ecclesiastical Realty Advisory Services LLC (an affiliate of Sanchez Bodden Lerner LLC) to market and broker a sale of the Property.

**WHEREAS**, Temple of Buddhas, Inc. (a/k/a Abbot of the Buddha Temple), a New York religious corporation ("Purchaser"), made an offer to purchase the Property, in "as is" condition, for the price of \$3,500,000.00 (the "Purchase Price") (with the purchase price allocated as \$2,670,000.00 to the Church Parcel and \$830,000.00 to the Residential Parcel), in cash at closing.

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees having reviewed the consideration and terms of the transaction set forth by the Purchaser, and other information (including, but not limited to the condition of the Property, the Presbytery's need for the Property, that the Purchaser is another religious corporation, the Appraisal, and the financial burden of maintaining and protecting the Property), determined that: (i) the terms (including the Purchase Price) and conditions of the contemplated transaction offered by the Purchaser, another religious corporation, are fair and reasonable, and (ii) the purpose of the Presbytery and the interest of its members will be promoted by a sale and conveyance of the Property because (a) the conveyance will eliminate a financial burden for the Presbytery and (b) the net consideration, when received, will provide funds to enable the Presbytery to conduct and further its religious activities and corporate purposes, in accordance with the Book of Order.

**WHEREAS**, in furtherance of the foregoing, the Board of Trustees has recommended that the members of the Presbytery adopt resolutions to: (i) accept, approve, and authorize the sale and conveyance of the Property to the Purchaser for no less than the Purchase Price and such other commercially reasonable terms and conditions, as determined by the Board of Trustee with the advice of legal counsel and (ii) in the event the transaction described above with the Purchaser does not occur as set forth herein, the Board of Trustees is empowered and authorized, without the need for additional approval from the members of the Presbytery, to sell and convey the Property to another bona fide third party purchaser for commercially reasonable terms and conditions, upon advice of legal counsel, provided the purchase price no less than the Appraised Value.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, it is:

**RESOLVED**, that the recommendations of the Board of Trustees related to the conveyance of the Property to the Purchaser is accepted, and that the consideration and terms offered by Purchaser are fair and reasonable and that the purpose of the Presbytery and the interest of its members will be promoted by said transfer; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the offer by Purchaser to purchase the Property, in "as is" condition, for no less than the Purchase Price, in cash at closing, is accepted, approved,

and authorized; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, in the event the transaction with the Purchaser does not occur as set forth above, that the recommendations of the Board of Trustees related to the conveyance of the Property to another bona fide third-party purchaser is accepted, and that the Board of Trustees is empowered and authorized to take any and all reasonable and necessary actions, upon advice of legal counsel, to sell and convey the Property for commercially reasonable terms and conditions and a purchase price of no less than the Appraised Value, without the need for additional approval from the members of the Presbytery; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that the net proceeds of said transfer be applied to the payment or satisfaction of general expenses or obligations of the Presbytery, and to the conduct and further its religious activities and corporate purposes in accordance with the Book of Order, and the dissolution of the Presbytery is not contemplated following the abovementioned transaction; and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that any officer of the Presbytery (including but not limited to its Executive Presbyter) be, and each hereby is, authorized, empowered and directed to act on behalf of the Presbytery, to make, execute, and deliver all written instruments and documents necessary to cause the sale and conveyance of the Property, in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth herein, the Religious Corporations Law and the Book of Order (including but not limited to a purchase and sale agreement for the conveyance of the Property, a petition to the New York State Supreme Court for approval of the sale and conveyance of the Property and a good and sufficient deed to convey title to the Property); and take such other and further action necessary, upon advice of legal counsel, to carry into effect such resolutions and effectuate the transactions contemplated herein (including but not limited to the payment of all such customary or required closing costs); and it is further

**RESOLVED**, that any actions taken by any trustee or officer of the Presbytery, or their designees, prior to the date of these resolutions adopted by the Presbytery are within the authority conferred thereby are hereby ratified, confirmed, and approved as the acts and deeds of the Presbytery.

Date of the meeting of the members of the Presbytery: May 03, 2025