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The Presbytery of Long Island

2025

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INTRODUCTION

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.

The guiding principles of the organization of this Presbytery are:

1. The Holy Spirit calls us to transformation as individuals, as congregations, and as a Presbytery.
2. The Church of Jesus Christ is always being transformed by God to be more faithful in a particular time and place.
3. God commissions the Church for Mission into the world primarily through congregations. Congregational networks and partnerships can be effective and faithful agencies for transformation and mission. Mission conducted in a Presbytery area is best done in partnership with and among congregations.
4. The Church is sent to be Christ's faithful evangelist. (Book of Order F-1.0302d) [hereinafter all letter-number references are to the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)]
5. The Presbytery is more than a structure, an organization, a governing body, a staff, or an office. The Presbytery is connected congregations, pastors, elected officers, appointed workers, and specialized ministries serving together "assisting and supporting the witness of congregations to the sovereign activity of God in the world, so that all congregations become communities of faith, hope, love, and witness." (G-3.0301)
6. The priorities for Presbytery are discerned in conversations about strengths, dreams, and needs of congregations voiced in gatherings.
7. God calls the Presbytery leadership to be both committed to and reflective of its diversity. All people must be encouraged to fully share in roles of leadership.
8. Presbytery governance shall embrace and encourage innovation and energy, while facilitating ministry initiatives, working cooperatively with other governing bodies, upholding standards of accountability, and maintaining fidelity to the Book of Order.

ARTICLE 1: THE PRESBYTERY

Section 1

The Presbytery of Long Island is a governing body of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and a nonprofit organization incorporated under the Religious Corporation Laws of the State of New York.

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The present boundaries are all of Nassau and Suffolk counties (including cities, townships, villages, and hamlets) in the State of New York.

Section 3

The organization and procedures of this Presbytery shall be in accordance with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), these Bylaws, and any special rules that the Presbytery may adopt. The Presbytery shall use the most recent edition of Robert's Rules of Order as the parliamentary authority for the transaction of its business.

ARTICLE II: MEMBERSHIP

Section 1

The Presbytery consists of all ministers of the Word and Sacrament enrolled as members according to Book of Order G-3.0306; Ruling Elders commissioned to particular pastoral service; Churches, represented by Ruling Elder commissioners, elected by the Sessions of those churches, according to the provisions of the Form of Government (G-3.0301); Officers of the Presbytery duly elected by and currently serving the Presbytery, and the Executive Presbyter, if that person is a Ruling Elder; the current chair or one of the co-chairs of a standing committee named in these Bylaws; and currently serving members of the Shepherding Council.

Section 2

The Stated Clerk shall act each January to ensure, consistent with a plan approved by the Presbytery pursuant to G-3.0301, a balance of Ruling Elder commissioners and ministers of the Word and Sacrament.

Section 3

The Presbytery may make provision by rule for Youth or Young Adult Advisory Delegates or Theological Student Advisory Delegates, who shall have privilege of the floor, but not vote, in meetings of the Presbytery.

Section 4

Ministers of the Word and Sacrament or Ruling Elders in good standing in other Councils of this denomination or in any other Christian church, who are present at any meeting of the Presbytery, may be invited to sit as corresponding members, with voice but without vote.

ARTICLE III: MEETINGS

Section 1

The Presbytery shall have at least four stated meetings per year. The places and dates of the meetings for any given year will be approved by the Presbytery. Written or printed notice stating the place, date and hour of a regular meeting and, in the case of a special meeting, the purposes for which the meeting is called, shall be delivered at least ten (10) days in advance by mail or electronic mail. If by mail, notice shall be deemed to be delivered when deposited in the U.S. mail with postage thereon prepaid, addressed to the minister of the Word and Sacrament members and the Clerks of Session for lay members in care of their affiliated church, addressed as they appear on the

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Presbytery's records. If by email, such notice shall be deemed to be delivered when emailed to such recipient's email address as it appears on the Presbytery's records. The presence of any member at a meeting without objection to the lack of notice of such meeting shall waive notice by such member. A waiver of any required notice signed by a member shall be the equivalent of giving such notice.

Section 2

The Presbytery may hold Special Called Meetings as may be necessary to conduct urgent business, as indicated in the Form of Government (G-3.0304). The meeting may be called either by the Shepherding Council or by any three (3) ministers and three (3) elders, the elders being of different churches. The notice of a special meeting shall set out the purpose of the meeting, and no other business than that listed in the notice shall be transacted.

Section 3

The Presbytery may make provision for other gatherings, for the purpose of advancing the mission and ministry of the Presbytery and/or its particular churches.

Section 4

A quorum shall be required to be present for a stated or called meeting to proceed. A quorum of the Presbytery shall be seven (7) ministers of the Word and Sacrament members and seven (7) Ruling Elder Commissioners (Ruling Elders elected from seven (7) different congregations). Each member who is present at a Presbytery meeting shall have one vote. Proxy voting shall not be permitted.

Section 5

At each stated meeting, the Stated Clerk shall recommend that the Presbytery approve the minutes of the previous stated meeting and any special Presbytery meetings held between meetings. A copy of these minutes shall be posted by the Stated Clerk on the Presbytery's website at least fourteen (14) days prior to the meeting at which they shall be approved.

Section 6

New business may be introduced in any Stated Meeting of Presbytery, provided that the matter is noted before the docket is approved. Any new business shall come in written form, and it shall be business of the kind that does not require extensive study and contemplation. A motion arising from new business may be debated, but the vote and additional debate will be postponed to the next Stated Meeting, allowing time for study and notification. If an urgent matter cannot wait until the next Stated Meeting, the vote may be taken at the meeting where the matter is introduced, requiring a two-thirds (2/3) majority to pass. The Moderator will determine whether the matter is of sufficient urgency to warrant an immediate vote.

Section 7

Meetings of the Presbytery, the Shepherding Council, commissions, committees, teams, task forces, and working groups may meet as needed by means of remote communication, such as teleconference or videoconference, as long as proper notice of the meeting has been given, full opportunity for simultaneous communication is available to all members, and minutes are duly kept and approved. Participation in a meeting by remote communication constitutes presence at the meeting.

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ARTICLE IV: OFFICERS

Section 1

Officers of the Presbytery elected by the Presbytery shall be the Presbytery Moderator, Presbytery Vice Moderator, Moderator of the Shepherding Council, Stated Clerk, and Treasurer.

Section 2

A Moderator shall be elected by the presbytery for a term of one year by the final stated meeting of the calendar year, with the term beginning the immediately following January 1. The Moderator shall fulfill such duties prescribed for that office in the Book of Order (especially G-3.0104), including convening, adjourning, and presiding at Presbytery meetings; presiding at ordinations and installations; and appointing members to special committees, work groups, and teams when called upon to do so by the Presbytery.

A Vice Moderator shall be elected by the presbytery for a term of one year by the final stated meeting of the calendar year, with the term beginning the immediately following January 1. The Vice Moderator shall perform the duties of the Moderator in the absence of the Moderator, or when requested by the Moderator to do so. In the absence of both the Moderator and the Vice Moderator at a Presbytery meeting, the Moderator of the Shepherding Council shall preside. The Vice Moderator shall be the Moderator Elect.

The immediate past Moderator of the Presbytery shall be the Moderator of the Shepherding Council for a term of one year, unless the Presbytery acts to elect another Moderator of the Shepherding Council.

The Stated Clerk shall be elected by the presbytery for a term of no more than three years, ordinarily at the final stated meeting of the calendar year in the third year of the officer's term, with their term to begin on January 1. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms that may be served. The Stated Clerk shall perform those duties set forth in the Book of Order (especially G-3.0104), together with such other tasks as may be prescribed by the Presbytery, Synod, or General Assembly.

The Treasurer shall be elected for a term of no more than three years, ordinarily at the final stated meeting of the calendar year in the third year of the officer's term, with their term to begin on January 1. There is no limit on the number of consecutive terms that may be served. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to oversee the finances of the Presbytery, having such authority as may be necessary to receive, invest, transfer, and disburse funds on behalf of the Presbytery, subject to the Presbytery's rules, policies, and oversight.

ARTICLE V: ORGANIZATION

Section 1

The Presbytery shall be organized around a Council (the "Shepherding Council"), committees, and commissions. The existing entities and their responsibilities shall be stated in the Book of Order, these Bylaws, and/or the Manual of Operations, unless created for a temporary purpose and time period.

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Section 2

The membership of the Shepherding Council shall consist of no less than nine (9) and no more than twelve (12) voting members who are minister members or ruling elders within the bounds of the Presbytery. The Executive Presbyter and Stated Clerk shall be an ex-officio member(s) with voice but not vote. Voting members shall be: the chair or one (1) of the co-chairs (or the year-long designee of each chair(s)) of the Commission on Ministry, the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, the Trustees, and the Social Witness Committee; the Moderator of the Presbytery; the Vice Moderator of the Presbytery; the Moderator of the Shepherding Council (the immediate past Moderator); and at least two (2) and not more than five (5) at-large persons elected by the Presbytery. At-large members of the Shepherding Council shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery for three-year staggered terms, with no two from the same church.

Section 3

The Shepherding Council shall meet at least five (5) times per year, and as called by the Moderator of the Shepherding Council or the Executive Presbyter. A quorum of the Shepherding Council shall be a majority of its current members and shall be required for business to be conducted.

Section 4

The Shepherding Council shall fulfill all the functions and duties of a council as described in the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), including preparing, in collaboration with the Treasurer for the Presbytery, an annual budget for the Trustees' and Presbytery's approval. It shall also nominate members of the Presbytery Nominating Committee, to be elected by the Presbytery, and ensure that members of the Nominating Committee represent the rich diversity of the church's membership and will fulfill the functions of the committee on representation articulated in G-3.0103. Between meetings of the Presbytery, upon the request of another entity of the Presbytery, the Executive Presbyter, or the Stated Clerk, the Council may exercise any power or authority of the Presbytery except its G-4.0205 powers. The Shepherding Council shall report at each stated meeting of the Presbytery. Its decisions shall be immediately operative wherever authority has been conferred, but may be changed by the Presbytery.

Section 5

The Council may establish additional commissions, committees, task forces, teams, and work groups, beyond those named in these bylaws, as needed to fulfill its responsibilities and appoint members of those bodies.

Section 6

An action where approval is required and no discussion is needed may be taken by the Shepherding Council, a commission, committee, team, task force, or work group of the Presbytery via email. The body's moderator or chair shall poll the members by an email that sets forth the action in writing and gives a time frame by which votes must be returned. Members shall then respond by email to the entire body with a yes or no vote, without comment. The action is approved if a quorum of members respond within the designated time frame and all responses are affirmative without question or qualification. Such consent shall have the same effect as a unanimous vote and takes effect when all the necessary consents to the action have been obtained, unless the consent

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specifies a different effective date. A copy of the action, along with the names of those voting, shall appear in the minutes of the commission, committee, team, task force, or work group.

ARTICLE VI: TRUSTEES

Section 1

The Board of Trustees shall consist of seven (7) persons, divided into three nearly equal classes, and shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair. Members shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery for terms of three (3) years each. Persons may serve for consecutive terms provided that no term of service exceeds six (6) years. The Trustees shall meet at least five (5) times a year, and as called by the Chair. A quorum of the Trustees shall be a majority of its current members and shall be required for business to be conducted.

Section 2

The Board of Trustees shall be subject to the will of the Presbytery and shall fulfill the functions required by civil law and those that the Presbytery assigns to it, including: a) implementing the policies of the Presbytery related to investments, financial guidance, and property, and b) ensuring an annual audit of the records of the Treasurer of the Presbytery. Between meetings of the Presbytery, member congregations may request that the Trustees exercise all the Presbytery's G-4.000 authority, including pursuant to G-3.0303f, except that the Trustees may not dismiss a congregation. All actions carried out as a result of delegated authority must be reported to the Presbytery at its next stated meeting.

Section 3

The Chair of the Trustees shall be the President of the Corporation, the Vice-Chair of the Trustees shall be the Vice-President of the Corporation, the Stated Clerk shall be the Secretary of the Corporation, and the Treasurer of the Presbytery shall be the Treasurer of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII: STANDING COMMITTEES AND COMMISSIONS OF THE PRESBYTERY

Section 1: *Commission on Ministry*

The Commission on Ministry shall consist of thirteen (13) to fifteen (15) persons, divided into three nearly equal classes, and shall be composed of Ruling Elders and ministers of the Word and Sacrament, in numbers as equal as possible, bearing in mind the principles of unity in diversity in F-1.0403. Members shall be nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery in three classes of terms of three (3) years each. Persons may serve for consecutive terms provided that no term of service exceeds six (6) years.

The Commission shall serve the Presbytery in accordance with the Book of Order. The Commission on Ministry is delegated the scope of authority of the Presbytery in G-3.0307, except for the "oversight of inquirers and candidates." All actions carried out as a result of delegated authority must be reported to the Presbytery at its next stated meeting. The following specific tasks are delegated to this commission:

- a. Find in order calls issued by churches;
- b. Approve calls for services of Ministers of the Word and Sacrament;

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- c. Dissolve the pastoral relationship in cases where the congregation and pastor concur, or by presbytery action (G-2.0904);
- d. Grant permission to labor within or outside the bounds of the Presbytery;
- e. Dismiss ministers of the Word and Sacrament to other presbyteries;
- f. Approve the examinations of and receive ministers of the Word and Sacrament transferring from other presbyteries and present them at the next stated meeting of the Presbytery;
- g. Appoint a moderator of session where a pulpit is vacant or is filled by a temporary pastoral relationship;
- h. Appoint an administrative commission for the purpose of installing a minister of the Word and Sacrament, and organizing and conducting a service of installation (G-2.0805);
- i. Provide consent on behalf of the Presbytery to a change in call to a pastor or associate pastor made at the request of the pastor or associate pastor or at the request of the church by action of the congregation;
- j. Grant permission for a minister of the Word and Sacrament to engage in a validated ministry (G-2.0503);
- k. Release a minister of the Word and Sacrament from the exercise of ordained ministry upon application by the minister (G-2.0507);
- l. Approve the restoration of a minister of the Word and Sacrament previously released under G-2.0407;
- m. Train, authorize, and commission specific Ruling Elders to administer or preside at the Lord's Supper when the presbytery deems it necessary to meet the needs for the administration of the Sacrament;
- n. When the presbytery's strategy for mission requires it, authorize a Ruling Elder to be commissioned to limited pastoral service and other ministries (G-2.10);
- o. Oversee the management of the official records of congregations and the Presbytery (G-3.0107) and the administrative review of the records and work of congregations (G-3.0108);
- p. Inquire into the sources of congregational discord (G-3.0301(c)) and appoint an administrative commission to assume original jurisdiction in any situation in which it determines that a session cannot exercise its authority (G-3.0303(e))

The Commission may establish subcommittees, teams, or work groups as deemed necessary to fulfill its responsibilities. The Commission shall annually prepare a report on ministerial compensation and benefits and a compensation program for the following year for action by the Presbytery. The Commission shall approve salary supplement funds, emergency financial assistance, professional development grants, and grants shared with the Board of Pensions. It shall inform the Presbytery of provisions of the Benefits Plan of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Section 2: Committee on Preparation for Ministry

The Committee on Preparation for Ministry shall consist of seven (7) persons, nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery in three classes of terms of three (3) years each. Persons may serve for consecutive terms provided that no term of service exceeds six (6) years.

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The Committee is charged with the care and supervision of candidates for the office of minister of the Word and Sacrament and of Ruling Elders seeking to be commissioned to limited pastoral service. It shall fulfill the responsibilities regarding candidates outlined in the Form of Government, and other responsibilities as directed by the Presbytery. The Committee on Preparation for Ministry is authorized to certify candidates as ready for examination for ordination, pending a call, with provision that all such actions be reported to the next Stated Meeting of Presbytery. Between meetings of the Presbytery, the Committee on Preparation is authorized to exercise the Presbytery's G-2.06 responsibilities—except for presbytery examinations or votes pursuant to G-2.0604, 2.0607, and 2.0610—with provision that all such actions be reported to the next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery.

Section 3: Personnel Committee

The Personnel Committee shall consist of at least three (3) persons, nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery in three (e) classes of terms of three (3) years each. Persons may serve for consecutive terms provided that no term of service exceeds six (6) years. The chair of the Personnel Committee shall be elected annually by the Committee. The Vice Moderator of the Presbytery shall also serve on the Personnel Committee.

The Personnel Committee will be responsible for the oversight of personnel and staff. The Personnel Committee shall review staffing requirements and the personnel plan of the Presbytery, evaluate and revise position descriptions, and annually review and evaluate the work performance of staff in consultation with the Executive Presbyter.

Section 4: Social Witness Committee

The Social Witness Committee shall consist of at least three (3) persons, divided into three (3) classes, nominated by the Nominating Committee and elected by the Presbytery in three (3) classes of terms of three (3) years each. Persons may serve for consecutive terms provided that no term of service exceeds six (6) years. The chair of the Social Witness Committee shall be elected annually by the Committee.

The Social Witness Committee will be responsible for recommending and enacting activities of the Presbytery and its member Churches “in its life as a community in the world.” (F-1.0301)

Section 5: Nominating Committee / Committee on Representation

The Nominating Committee shall consist of at least five (5) persons, divided into three (3) nearly equal classes, with terms of office of three (3) years. Persons may serve for consecutive terms provided that no term of service exceeds six (6) years. The membership shall be composed of ministers of the Word and Sacrament and Ruling Elders in numbers nearly as equal as possible, who shall be nominated by the Shepherding Council and elected by the Presbytery. The chairperson shall be elected by the members of the Nominating Committee.

The Committee shall present nominations for officers and positions of the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly, except those specifically designated as the responsibility of the Shepherding Council. The Nominating Committee shall request annually from each session the

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names of persons who should receive consideration for service in the Presbytery, the Synod, and the General Assembly.

The Shepherding Council shall ensure that members of the Nominating Committee give full expression to the rich diversity of the church's membership and fulfill the functions of the committee on representation (G-3.0103).

Section 6: Permanent Judicial Commission

The membership, eligibility, terms, and classes of the Permanent Judicial Commission shall be in accordance with Chapter Three (3) of Church Discipline in the Book of Order. The Permanent Judicial Commission shall fulfill the responsibilities designated in Church Discipline.

Section 7

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ARTICLE VIII: NOMINATIONS AND ELECTIONS

Section 1

Eligibility for office or service on the Shepherding Council, committees, and commissions of the Presbytery shall be consistent with the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) and in accordance with the Manual of Operations.

Section 2

The Nominating Committee shall nominate persons to all elected positions except for the Nominating Committee. Members of the Nominating Committee shall be nominated by the Shepherding Council.

Section 3

Each year the Nominating Committees of the Presbytery shall present to the Presbytery, by the fourth meeting of the year, one (1) name for each position as officers, as members of standing commissions and committees, and as members of any other bodies as required by the Manual of Operations or requested by the Shepherding Council, to be filled through election by the Presbytery. Unless otherwise specified, election shall be for a three (3) year term, with no one being elected for successive terms, either full or partial, aggregating more than six (6) years. Terms of service shall begin on January 1 of each year, except as may be otherwise specified.

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Section 4

A member of a Presbytery entity absent without excuse from two (2) consecutive meetings thereof may, after consultation and notice, be considered to have resigned. Elections to fill unexpired terms may be held at any meeting of the Presbytery.

Section 5

The Nominating Committee shall present one (1) name for each unexpired term, and the person elected shall begin service immediately.

Section 6

Unless otherwise specified, each entity will elect its own chair and any other positions to facilitate its functioning.

Section 7

The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination annually the names of persons to serve as commissioners, delegates, and alternates to the Synod of the Northeast. They shall be elected according to the Presbytery's Bylaws and Manual of Operations and as required by the governing documents of the Synod.

The Nominating Committee shall place in nomination biennially for election the names of persons to serve as commissioners, delegates, and alternates to the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). They shall be elected according to the Presbytery's Bylaws and Manual of Operations and as required by the governing documents of the General Assembly.

ARTICLE IX: CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

Section 1

The Presbytery shall adopt a Conflict of Interest policy consistent with the requirements of laws of the State of New York and the United States of America and shall review such policy annually at a meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Section 2

Each Trustee, officer, or key person of this Presbytery shall be required to complete a conflict-of-interest disclosure form annually and as otherwise might be provided in the conflict-of-interest policy adopted by the Board of Trustees.

ARTICLE X: INDEMNIFICATION

Section 1 Mandatory Indemnification.

Unless clearly prohibited by the laws of the State of New York or Section 6.03, the Presbytery shall indemnify any person ("Indemnified Person") made, or threatened to be made, a party in any action or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative, investigative or otherwise, including any action by or in the right of the Presbytery, by reason of the fact that he or she (or his or her testator or intestate), whether before or after adoption of this Section, (a) is or was a trustee or officer of the oration, partnership, joint venture, trust employee benefit plan or other enterprise.

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Section 3 Prohibited Indemnification.

The Presbytery may not indemnify any person if a judgment or other final adjudication adverse to the Indemnified Person (or to the person whose actions are the basis for the action or proceeding) establishes, or the Board of Trustees in good faith determines, that such person's acts were committed in bad faith or were the result of active and deliberate dishonesty and were material to the cause of action so adjudicated or that he or she personally gained in fact a financial profit or other advantage to which he or she was not legally entitled. In determining whether and to what extent indemnification is proper, no trustee with a personal interest in the outcome, or who is a party to such actual or threatened action or proceeding concerning which indemnification is sought, shall participate in such determination. If a quorum of disinterested trustees is not obtainable, the Board of Trustees shall act only after receiving the opinion in writing of independent legal counsel that indemnification is proper in the circumstances under then applicable law and these Bylaws.

Section 6.04 Advancement of Expenses.

Upon a request of any Indemnified Person who is or may be entitled to be indemnified by the Presbytery, the Presbytery shall, pay or promptly reimburse the Indemnified Person's reasonably incurred expenses in connection with a threatened or actual action or proceeding prior to its final disposition. However, no such advancement of expenses shall be made unless the Indemnified Person makes a binding, written commitment to repay the Presbytery, with interest, for any amount advanced in connection with a claim for which it is ultimately determined that he or she is not entitled to indemnification. Presbytery, or (b) in addition is serving or served, in any capacity, at the request of the Presbytery, as a trustee or officer of any other corporation, or any partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise. The indemnification shall be against all judgments, fines, penalties, amounts paid in settlement (provided the Presbytery shall have consented to such settlement) and reasonable expenses, including attorneys' fees and costs of investigation, incurred by an Indemnified Person with respect to any such threatened or actual action or proceeding, and any appeal thereof.

Section 2 Discretionary Indemnification.

Unless clearly prohibited by the laws of the State of New York or Section 3 of this Article, the Board of Trustees may approve indemnification as set forth in Section 1 of this Article or advancement of expenses as set forth in Section 3 of this Article, to a person (or the testator or intestate of a person) who is or was employed by the Presbytery or who is or was a volunteer for the Presbytery, and who is made, or threatened to be made, a party in any action or proceeding, by reason of the fact of such employment or volunteer activity, including actions undertaken at the request of the Presbytery for any other corp.

ARTICLE XI: AMENDMENTS

Section 1

These Bylaws may be amended, subject to the Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of New York, and the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) by approval of the Presbytery at any stated or special meeting of the members of the Presbytery at which a quorum is present, by a two-thirds (2/3) majority of those present and voting, provided that a full reading of the proposed

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changes or a printed distribution of the same shall have been given at the previous stated meeting at which a quorum was present. These Bylaws may not be amended contrary to or so as not to include the provisions of the Constitution of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.).

Section 2

Rules of the Presbytery may be suspended at any stated meeting of the Presbytery for that particular meeting only by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the members present.

Amended			
January 27, 1981	April 24, 2021		
April 20, 1982	November 26, 1996		
November 20, 1982	January 24, 1998		
June 28, 1983	September 25, 2021		
November 27, 1984	April 30, 2022		
September 24, 1985	April 22, 2023		
October 22, 1985	April 13, 2024		
November 26, 1985	November 16, 2025		
March 18, 1986			
May 27, 1986			
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January 27, 1987			
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October 23, 2010			
June 26, 2012			
January 26, 2013			
March 25, 2014			
January 30, 2016			
June 27, 2017			
January 26, 2019			
January 25, 2020			