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PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND STATED MEETING MAY 2, 2026

CUTCHOGUE

Moderator - Rev. Rachel Vione
Stated Clerk - Rev. Kate Jones Calone

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Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator		DOCKET May 2, 2026		Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Stated Clerk	
9:00 AM	Sign In & Fellowship				
9:20 AM	Wordly Presentation				
9:30 AM	Land Acknowledgment				Rev. Michael Hafele
		<p><i>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.</i></p>			
		<p>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 (U.S.A.), 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 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 relationships.</p>			
<p><i>Please rise in Body or Spirit and remain standing through the opening hymn.</i></p>					
	Call to Worship (responsive)				Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
	Leader	When God showed up, everything changed.			
	People	Nothing stayed the same.			
	Leader	The sea moved, the river stopped			
	People	creation responded to Him.			
	Leader	Mountains leaped, and hills danced,			
	People	because God was near.			
	Leader	God brings life out of dry places,			
	People	and hope where there was none.			
	Leader	We gather in that same presence today,			
	People	ready to worship our powerful God. <i>(based on Psalm 114)</i>			
	Prayer				Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
	Hymn	"God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"(PH 285)			PowerPoint
9:40 AM	Welcoming				Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
	Greetings from the Host Church				CRE Richie King
	Roll Call and Excuses				Rev. Kate Jones Calone

	Welcome to the Elders Commissioners and New Members Attending Presbytery for the first time		Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
	*Presentation and Adoption of the Docket & Consent Agenda		Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
	Motion	That the Presbytery adopt the docket of May 2, 2026, as presented	
	Consent Agenda		
	Motion	That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting on February 3, 2026 (<i>minutes included in the packet; attachments, and reports available on the PLI website</i>) (<i>Stated Clerk Report</i>)(pp 8- 11)	
	Motion	dismiss with gratitude the Garden City Administrative Commission. (<i>Shepherding Council Report</i>)	
	Motion	dismiss with gratitude the Glen Cove Administrative Commission. (<i>Shepherding Council Report</i>)	
	Stated Clerk (pp 6-12)		Rev. Kate Jones Calone
		Written reports attached Valley Stream Administrative Commission attached (pp 13-15) Glen Cove Administrative Commission attached (p 16-23) Garden City Administrative Commission attached (pp 24-26) Yaphank Administrative Commission (no report) Treasurer Report attached (pp 27-30) Social Witness Committee (pp 31-32) Board of Trustees (pp 33-34)	
9:55 AM	Worship		Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
	Special Music	<i>"In Christ Alone"</i>	<i>Singer/Songwriter Julia King from Greenport</i>
	Scripture	Psalm 114 (NRSV)	Rev. Matthew Means / English Elder Rakhal Saleem / Urdu
	Message		Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
	Hymn	<i>"In the Bulb There Is a Flower"</i>	<i>Printed / PowerPoint</i>
		Service of Commissioning of our 227th General Assembly Commissioners & Delegates <i>Service in Packet (pp 35-36)</i> Commissioner Rev. Dr. Karen Crawford, <i>Smithtown</i> Commissioner Rev. Samuel Shin, <i>Great Neck</i> Commissioner Elder Donald Adams, <i>Selden</i> Commissioner Elder Natasha Jean-Louis, <i>Deer Park</i> Young Adult Advisory Delegate Marissa Ganga, <i>Brentwood</i>	Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator Rev. Kate Jones Calone

		Matthew 25 Moment Cuba Work Group - Elder Barbara D'Andrea U.S.-Mexico Border Trip - Elder Janice Kincaid		
		Offering		Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
		Today, our offering will go to our Cuba Work Group, which provides much-needed supplies and support to the churches in San Antonio (Setauket), San Nicolás (Bellmore), Nueva Paz (Northport), and First Havana (Old First in Huntington). Güines (East Hampton, Montauk, Bridgehampton, Amagansett, Springs, and Shinnecock), Los Palos (Southampton)		
		"Let All Things Now Living" (PH 554 - first verse only)		PowerPoint
		Prayer of Dedication		
		Led in English and Spanish	God of the empty tomb, your grace astounds us, your generosity fills us to overflowing. Accept these offerings as signs of our gratitude and bless our work on Christ's behalf. May we love as Christ loved. May we serve as Christ served. Call us forth into your world, guided by Christ's spirit. Amen.	Elder Rich Perez / English Elder Steve Bodden / Spanish
10:45 AM	*Committee on Preparation for Ministry (pp 37-53)			Rev. Kerry Riddle
		Motion	That the Presbytery approve the following documents: the Commissioned Ruling Elder Policy and Handbook, the Commissioned Ruling Elder Session Endorsement, the Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidate Application, and the CPM Acknowledgment of Policies, Ethics & Training. (pp 39-50)	
		Examination for Ordination Candidate Stephanie Castlen <i>Bio & Faith Statement in Packet (pp 51-53)</i>		
		Motion	To sustain the examination of Stephanie Castlen for ordination and report such satisfactory examination to Pittsburgh Presbytery.	
		Doxology		
		Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God for all that Love has done; Creator, Christ, and Spirit, One. Amen.		
11:10 AM	Break			
11:20 AM	*Commission On Ministry (pp 54-56)			
		Motion	To confer the status of retired on the Rev. William Hoffman, effective July 31, 2026.	
		Motion	To confer the status of retired on the Rev. Peter Kelley, effective May 31, 2026.	

		Recognition of Retirements (p57)		Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
		Rev. William Hoffman - Montauk Community Church		
		Words of Recognition - Elder Susan Raymond from Montauk Community Church		
		Rev. Peter Kelley - First Presbyterian Church, Southold		
		Words of Recognition - Rev. Kirsty Dixon-Maret from Middle Island Presbyterian Church		
		Service of Retirement From the Ministry of Word and Sacrament		
11:55 AM	Pray With Us			
		<p>We have just celebrated the ministry of two pastors in our presbytery. Ministry leaders, of course, include many people in congregations: pastors, ruling elders, deacons, musicians, Christian Education volunteers and professionals, youth, office administrators, treasurers, and more!</p> <p>Please turn to your neighbors in groups of about four. Share your name and your congregation. Spend a few minutes sharing the names of some of the ministry leaders in your congregation and the gifts that they bring to your church. Then, we will invite you to pray together for each other and for all who lead in your churches. Your prayer can take whatever form your group decides.</p>		
12:05 PM	*Shepherding Council (pp 58-65)		Elder Ellen Gove	
		Motion	Approve the proposed Guidelines for New Worshiping Communities. (pp 60-65)	
		Motion	That the Valley Stream South Asian Fellowship be chartered as a congregation of the PC(USA) under the name "Valley Stream Community Presbyterian Church" and take the necessary steps to incorporate in New York State. (pp 13-15)	
		Celebration of Valley Stream Community Presbyterian Church		
		Prayer	God, our creator, you make all things new. By your spirit, you have called these people and made them one in Christ. You have given them a new name and a new ministry. As they learn to walk together, let it be your way. As they struggle to be faithful, sustain them by your grace. Instruct them daily in your word and nourish them at your table that they may grow in your grace as heralds of your kingdom, and servants of Christ your Son, our Savior. Amen.	
		Passing of the Peace		
		Hymn	"Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!" (PH 430)	PowerPoint
12:30 PM	Adjournment, Closing Prayer & Benediction			Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator

Report of the Stated Clerk
Stated Meeting of Presbytery – May 2, 2026 - Cutchogue

Actions:

The Stated Clerk recommends the following items for action:

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***Motion** To approve the Consent agenda

***Motion:** That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting on February 3, 2026 (minutes included in the packet; attachments, and reports available on the PLI website)

Information

1. **Presbytery of Long Island's 2025 Statistical Summary is attached** (*attached*)
2. Thank you to all of the Clerks of Session for their work and leadership throughout the year, and to those who have attended one of our gatherings to complete minutes reading. **As of May 2026, the following churches have not submitted their 2025 minutes:**
Amagansett, Bellmore, Brentwood PIPH, Cutchogue, Freeport, Garden City, Great Neck, Greenlawn, Hempstead, Islip, Levittown, Malverne, Malverne Nueva Vida, Montauk, New Hyde Park, New Hyde Park Korean, Oceanside, Sag Harbor, Selden, Southampton First, Shinnecock, Yaphank
These churches can complete the required minutes review by swapping minutes with another church's Clerk of Session. Please call the presbytery office for assistance in connecting with another Clerk.

3. Thank you to all ministers and commissioned ruling elders who completed their 2025 training requirements. **As a reminder, our presbytery will be holding a MANDATORY BOUNDARY TRAINING DATE for PASTORS, CREs, PULPIT SUPPLY, and MINISTERS ACTIVE IN THE LIFE OF THE PRESBYTERY: Tuesday, September 22, 8:30 AM-5:00 PM at Setauket Presbyterian Church.** This training will satisfy the every-three-years requirements for boundary training (including sexual misconduct) and child and youth protection training, and will also include a segment on financial boundaries.

Additionally, NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training is required annually for all employees. The training is offered online almost every month through Practical Resources for Churches.

Those active in a ministry or on the pulpit supply list who did not satisfy the training requirements in 2025 are: *Kymberley Clemons-Jones, Joan Finck, Brad Morgan, Michael Smith, Toni Walrond, and Mario Fernandez.*

4. The Moderators of our presbytery met in person on March 9, 2026, and April 20, 2026, to discuss their work together.
5. **Written reports:**
Valley Stream Administrative Commission attached (pp 13-15)
Glen Cove Administrative Commission attached (p 16-23)
Garden City Administrative Commission attached (pp 24-26)
Yaphank Administrative Commission (no report)
Treasurer Report attached (pp 27-30)
Social Witness Committee (pp 31-32)
Board of Trustees (pp 33-34)

6. The following Ruling Elders completed the most recent *Presiding at the Table* course, offered by our presbytery in collaboration with the presbyteries of the Highlands, Northeast New Jersey, and Coastlands:

Candace Breen (Selden), Jean Hrbek (Setauket), Janice Kincaid (Levittown), Stella LaMassa (Levittown), Dolly Rohan (Babylon), Marilyn Rodahan (Levittown)

They will have the opportunity to submit an application to the Commission on Ministry to be approved for presiding at the table. As a reminder, the COM's guidelines for Ruling Elders to preside at the table (adopted by COM on 7/8/25) are as follows:

1. Those eligible are:

a. Ruling elders who have taken or will complete within 6 months a presbytery-approved course on preaching, have completed a presbytery-approved course on Communion, and are approved for pulpit supply in the presbytery; or

b. Ruling elders currently under care to become a Commissioned Ruling Elder who have completed courses in preaching and worship and sacraments.

2. Ruling elders approved to preside at The Lord's Supper must report to the Stated Clerk of the presbytery after each time that they administer the sacrament.

3. A ruling elder may not preside at The Lord's Supper more than quarterly in any one congregation.

7. The presbytery provided Officer Training for Ruling Elders and Deacons on Monday, April 20th, from 7-9 PM on Zoom. Thirty-two people from several of our churches participated.

8. Presbytery Day

Save the Date! Presbytery Day this year will be held on November 21st, in conjunction with our Stated Presbytery Meeting.

Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator
Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Stated Clerk

WE GATHER TOGETHER

The Presbytery of Long Island of the Presbyterian Church (USA) held a Stated Meeting on Zoom on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, with 98 in attendance, including 70 voting members. A quorum was present. The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM, with a Prayer and a Call to Worship by Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator.

Roll Call - *Separate document*

BEGIN OUR WORK

Welcoming

Moderator Rev. Rachel Vione welcomed Ruling and Teaching Elders to a Presbytery meeting for the first time.

Moderator Rev. Rachel Vione welcomed Pat Rossiter, Executive Director of the Holmes Camp & Retreat Center, who provided a brief update on the Camp.

Approval of Docket

MSP The Presbytery approved the docket of February 3, 2026

Worship

Scripture Habakkuk 2:2

Sermon Rev. Dr. Jerry Cannon

Music CRE Mario Fernandez

Moderator Rev. Rachel Vione offered a Commissioning Prayer for the Presbytery's upcoming trips to Cuba (*March 3-12*) and to the U.S.-Mexico Border (*April 13-17*).

Rev. Dr. Jerry Cannon was invited to share a brief explanation of the Shared Ministry Program, which encourages Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) congregations to covenant to create sustainable pastoral positions. New for 2025, the program provides dues subsidies for benefits, effective Jan. 1, 2025.

Pray With Us

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

A discussion prompt will be added to the chat. Take a few minutes to introduce each other, then follow the discussion prompt to guide the conversation. You'll see a notification when there are about 5 minutes left, and we encourage you to move into a time of prayer. You can pray together as your group chooses.

Discuss: What would it look like for your church to begin with the end in mind? What is the vision you would write now, at the start of 2026, to finish this year, knowing that you have dug a deep wellspring? (There is no leader; work together to be sure that everyone has an opportunity to speak.)

With around 5 minutes left, move into a time of prayer. You might ask everyone to share a prayer. You might pray in silence. Pray together, in whatever way you decide together.

Stated Clerk Report Rev. Kate Jones Calone (Appendix A – pp 16- 18)

MSP That the Presbytery approve the consent agenda

- That the Presbytery approve the minutes of the Stated Meeting on November 15, 2025.
- That the Presbytery confirm the election of corporate officers for 2026
 - Class of '26 Rev. Ida Rosario, Brentwood -Vice President
 - Elder Candace Breen, Selden
 - Elder Amelia Chin, Oceanside
 - Class of '27 Elder Bill Phillips, Center Moriches
 - Rev. Paul Lent, Southampton
 - Class of '28 Rev. Stephen Adkison, Shelter Island - President
 - Elder Natasha Jean-Louis, Deer Park
 - NA Rev. Kate Jones Calone - EP & Stated Clerk
 - NA Charlaine Apsel - Treasurer
- To approve the submitted slate of the Committee on Nominations
 - COMMITTEE/ CLASS OF / RECOMMENDATION
 - Commission on Ministry /'28/ Rev. Heather Brannon (*Bellmore*)
 - Commission on Ministry /28/ Rev. Michael Hafele (*Westhampton*)
 - Sexual Misconduct Response Team /na / Rev. Kirsty Dixon-Maret (*Middle Island*)
 - General Assembly Ruling Elder Alternate /na/ Elder Natasha Jean-Louis (*Deer Park*)
 - General Assembly Teaching Elder Alternate/na/ Rev. Stephen Adkison (*Shelter Island*)
 - Synod Mission and Ministries Commissioner/ '26/ Elder Steve Bodden (*Deer Park*)
 - Holmes Board of Directors /'28 / Elder Frank D'Andrea (*Deer Park*)
 - Permanent Judicial Commission/ '29 /Rev. Janice Moore (*Malverne & Nueva Vida*)
 - Permanent Judicial Commission/ '29/ Elder Tom Hemmick (*Mattituck*)
 - Shepherding Council At-Large/ '28/ Rev. Emily Fowler (*Port Jefferson*)
 - Shepherding Council At-Large /'27 /Elder Marilyn Fox (*Northport*)
 - Vice Moderator/'26/ Rev. Matthew Means (*Huntington OF*)
- To elect Rev. Kate Jones Calone as Stated Clerk of the Presbytery of Long Island for a three-year term.

Committee Reports Without Action

Report of the Annual Non-Parish Clergy 2024. (*attached – pp 8-12*)

Report of the Teaching Elders as of 12/31/24. (*attached – p 13*)

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (*attached – p 14*)

Glen Cove Administrative Commission (*attached p 15*)

Treasurer Report Charlaine Apsel (*Appendix B - pp 16-17*)

Board of Trustees Rev. Dr. Stephen D. Adkison (*Appendix C - pp 18-26*)

MSP approved the attached resolutions for the sale of 7 North Lane, Glen Cove (the church property of the former First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove). (attached pp 20-23)

MSP approved the attached resolutions for the sale of 114 Camdike Street, Valley Stream (the manse property of the former Valley Stream Presbyterian Church). (attached pp 24-26)

Motion added to the docket:

MSP approved the attached resolutions for the sale of 474 Wantaugh Avenue, Levittown (the church property of the United Presbyterian Church).

Committee on Ministry Elder Richard Schneider (*Appendix D – pp 27-30*)

Elder Rich Schneider reported on two items from the Commission on Ministry (COM).

First, COM will host a mandatory full-day training for ministers, CREs, and those on the pulpit supply list on Tuesday, September 22, 2026 @ 8:30 AM. This training fulfills the three-year boundary and child, youth, and vulnerable adults protection requirement and includes financial boundaries training. Sessions are asked to support pastors' attendance. Note this does not include the annual NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training.

Second, COM shared updates on its efforts to work more efficiently and effectively. Meetings have been streamlined to approximately two hours, liaisons are focusing on relationship-building with congregations, and specialized teams are addressing areas such as pastor transitions, terms of call, contracts, and reconciliation. All COM vacancies have been filled. COM liaisons will be reaching out to pastors and sessions, and congregations are encouraged to contact Karen Crawford or Richard Schneider for support as needed.

Shepherding Council Elder Ellen Gove (*Appendix E – pp 31-37*)

MSP approved the revised Standing Rules for the Presbytery. (attached p 37)

Enduring Witness - Rev Matthew Means - Breakout Rooms

The Enduring Witness team reported the exciting news that they had distributed 12 grants totaling \$153,612.03 in 2025, and \$514,136 in grant funds will be available in 2026, with a commitment to fund 50% of the new Presbytery position for the next three years. Matthew explained that the Enduring Witness grant application is not a typical grant application; it was kept simple, with only three questions.

The Enduring Witness team divided the meeting into 15-minute breakout groups and encouraged participants to discuss potential uses of a \$10,000 grant.

Matthew 25 - Elder Maria Studer talked about the work of the presbytery's Immigration Task Force, including their involvement in prayer walks and support for immigrant communities. She informed the Presbytery of a new fund, the "Immigration Emergency Fund," created to provide financial support for the legal costs of at-risk immigrants.

Report of the Executive Presbyter, Rev. Kate Jones Calone (*Appendix F - pp 38-39*)

Adjournment, Closing Prayer & Benediction at 8:15 PM, Moderator Rev Rachel Vione

The next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery will be held on Saturday, May 2, 2026, in Cutchogue.

Stated Clerk Rev. Kate Jones Calone

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2025 Presbytery Statistical Report

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Membership			
Prior Active Members	5926	Adjusted membership	5924
Gains		Losses	
Certificate	23	Certificate	26
Youth Professions	43	Deaths	95
Professions & Reaffirmations	105	Deleted for any Other Reason	206
Total Gains	171	Total Losses	327
Total Ending Active Members	5768		
Baptisms			
Presented by Others	47	Average Weekly Worship Attendance	1962
At Confirmation	19	Friends of the Congregation	1174
All Other	8	Ruling Elders on Session	334
		Do you have Deacons? Yes / No	36 / 6
Age Distribution of Active Members		People with Disabilities	
17 & Under	251	Hearing impairment	187
18 - 25	386	Sight impairment	63
26 - 40	705	Mobility impairment	197
41 - 55	801	Other impairment	144
56 - 70	1331		
Over 70	1377	Gender Distribution	
Total Age Distribution	4851	Women	3168
		Men	1900
		Non-Binary	5
Youth in Congregation			
Age 4 and under	118	Middle School (6th – 8th grade)	123
Elementary School (K-5th grade)	246	High School (9th – 12th grade)	170
		Total Youth	657
Racial Ethnic			
Asian/Pacific Islander/South Asian	139	Native American/Alaska Native/Indigenous	29
Black/African American/African	717	White	3454
Middle Eastern/North African	9	Multiracial	93
Hispanic/Latino-a	145		
		Total Racial Ethnic	4586
Budgeted Income	10,558,298		
Budgeted Expense	12,120,646		
Receipts			
Regular Contributions	7,281,732	Bequests	701,855
Capital Building Fund	448,429	Other Income	3,181,524
Investment Income	2,014,672	Subsidy or Aid	160,073
Expenditures			
Local Program	10,363,291	Investment Expenditures	507,987
Local Mission	696,595	Per Capital Appt	216,093
Capital Expenditures	1,143,693	Other Mission	237,322

Valley Stream Administrative Commission
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The Valley Stream Administrative Commission met on March 12, 2026, at 12:30 PM on Zoom. In addition to discussing various building use matters, the AC voted to recommend to the Shepherding Council (a) that the Valley Stream South Asian Fellowship should move towards chartering as a congregation, and (b) authorization of their incorporation under the name "Valley Stream Community Presbyterian Church." The AC communicated to Rev. Iftikhar Bhatti that these actions are distinct from taking full responsibility for the property of the former Valley Stream Presbyterian Church. The AC plans to have a one-year meeting on the status of the property on or around September 2026, with a tentative decision date on the property in September 2027.

Submitted by Rev. Jeff Prey, Moderator

Valley Stream Administrative Commission

VALLEY STREAM COMMUNITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"We, the undersigned, in response to the grace of God, desire to be constituted and organized as a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), to be known as the Valley Stream Community Presbyterian Church. We promise and covenant to live together in unity and to work together in ministry as disciples of Jesus Christ, bound to him and to one another as a part of the body of Christ in this place according to the principles of faith, mission, and order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)."

Iftikhar Bhatti	<u>Iftikhar Bhatti</u>	Ishtiaq Masih	<u>Ishtiaq Masih</u>
Saleem Marks	<u>Saleem Marks</u>	Jamila Mariam	<u>Jamila Mariam</u>
Shahbaz Masih	<u>Shahbaz Masih</u>	Ela Shahbaz	<u>Ela Shahbaz</u>
Sohail Rashid	<u>Sohail Rashid</u>	Lubna Sohail	<u>Lubna Sohail</u>
Shouket Masih	<u>Shouket Masih</u>	Aster Shouket	<u>Aster Shouket</u>
Zaki John	<u>Zaki John</u>	Faryal John	<u>Faryal John</u>
Zia John	<u>Zia John</u>	Alia John	<u>Alia John</u>
Sam Burke	<u>Sam Burke</u>	Niva Khan	<u>Niva Khan</u>
Shahzad Khan	<u>Shahzad Khan</u>	Sadia Farooq	<u>Sadia Farooq</u>
Saleem Masih	<u>Saleem Masih</u>	Rakhel Saleem	<u>Rakhel Saleem</u>
Elijah Bhatti	<u>Elijah Bhatti</u>	Shabnam Bhatti	<u>Shabnam Bhatti</u>
Imtiaz Bhatti	<u>Imtiaz Bhatti</u>	Jennifer Bhatti	<u>Jennifer Bhatti</u>
Ashfaq Bhatti	<u>Ashfaq Bhatti</u>	Emily Bhatti	<u>Emily Bhatti</u>
Arthur Shouket	<u>Arthur Shouket</u>	Naeem Sanshu	<u>Naeem Sanshu</u>
Arfan Gill	<u>Arfan Gill</u>	Nadia Gill	<u>Nadia Gill</u>
Raj K Sachdeva	<u>Raj K Sachdeva</u>	Mona Sachdeva	<u>Mona Sachdeva</u>
Sajad Bhatti	<u>Sajad Bhatti</u>	Gazala Sajad	<u>Gazala Sajad</u>
Adeeb Masih	<u>Adeeb Masih</u>	Ashika Sachdeva	<u>Ashika Sachdeva</u>
Jadawan Zafar	<u>Jadawan Zafar</u>	Asenath Naeem	<u>Asenath Naeem</u>
Venus Saleem	<u>Venus Saleem</u>	Marilyn Naeem	<u>Marilyn Naeem</u>
Noreen Sandhu	<u>Noreen Sandhu</u>	Shouket Masih	<u>Shouket Masih</u>

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Glen Cove Administrative Commission Final Report
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The Glen Cove Administrative Commission (AC) requests to be dissolved, as it has completed its work. To summarize:

1. The AC worked with the congregation of First Presbyterian Church of Glen Cove to conclude its ministry as a congregation through the process of dissolution. A final worship service was held on January 11, 2025. Remaining members of the congregation have been invited to transfer their membership to other congregations, if and when they are ready.
2. After discerning possible outcomes for the property owned or used by FPC Glen Cove, the AC facilitated the sale of both the manse located in Glen Head (formerly the property of the Glenwood Presbyterian Church, but more recently used by FPC Glen Cove) and the church property located in Glen Cove. The broker on both of those sales was Elder Steve Bodden, and Capell Barnett provided legal services. At closing, the presbytery received \$794,672.82 for the Glen Head manse (1 William Street) and \$1,053,550.78 for the manse in Glen Head (1 North Lane). The proceeds from both of those sales have been distributed according to the presbytery's asset policy.
3. The terms of the sale of the 1 North Lane property involved the presbytery financing a portion (\$1,250,000) of the total sale price (\$2,500,000). The terms of that loan are attached, and it will be repaid monthly, with an interest rate of 4.25% per year, until the debt is paid in full.
4. The AC retrieved from the FPC Glen Cove church all documents and property that it deemed should remain with the presbytery. All other contents of the church building were included in the sale.
5. FPC Glen Cove had two remaining staff members: a property caretaker and a bookkeeper. Following the closing on the church property, the AC gave notice of termination to those employees according to the terms of their employment and also provided them with three months of separation pay as gratitude for their service to the church.

The Administrative Commission is deeply grateful for the ministry and witness of First Presbyterian Church Glen Cove and honors those who faithfully served God in that location since 1869.

Respectfully submitted,

Rev. Stephen Adkison (Moderator)
Elder Frank D'Andrea
Elder Betty Ann Roel
Rev. Ann Van Cleef
Deacon Steve Wasilchuk (advisor to the AC)

NOTE AND MORTGAGE

Date: MARCH 31, 2026

Amount: \$1,250,000.00

MORTGAGOR: IGLESIA APOSTOLES Y PROFETAS EMANUEL EFESIOS 2:20

MORTGAGEE: THE PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND OF THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, a New York religious corporation, having an office address at 109 Udall Road, West Islip, New York 11795

PROMISE TO PAY: Mortgagor promises to pay to Mortgagee or order the sum of ONE MILLION TWO HUNDRED FIVE THOUSAND and 00/100 DOLLARS, (\$1,250,000.00), with interest at the rate of 4.25% per year from the date above until the debt is paid in full.

PAYMENTS: Mortgagor will pay the debt as follows: By making consecutive equal monthly payments of \$ 6,149.25 each commencing on the 1st day of May, 2026 and continuing on the same day of each and every month thereafter until the 1st day of May, 2036 at which time the entire principal balance together with interest shall become due and payable. This repayment is calculated on a 25-year amortization schedule with a balloon payment due however at the end of ten (10) years. The mortgagee's failure to demand payment in full at that time shall not constitute a waiver of her right to demand payment in full at any time thereafter.

ADDRESS FOR PAYMENT: Payment shall be made at Mortgagee's address above or at any other address Mortgagee directs.

APPLICATION OF PAYMENTS: The Mortgagee will apply each payment first to interest charges and then to repayment of the debt.

ADDITIONAL PROMISES AND AGREEMENTS OF THE MORTGAGOR:

1. Transfer of Rights in the Property. The Mortgagor hereby mortgages to the Mortgagee the Property described in this Note and Mortgage. Mortgagor can lose the Property for failure to keep the promises in this Note and Mortgage.

2. Property Mortgaged. The Property mortgaged is:

(a) 7 North Lane, Glen Cove, New York 11542 (Section 23, Block 5 and Lot 29)

- (b) Together with the buildings and improvements on the Property.
- (c) Together with all the Mortgagor's right, title and interest in the streets next to the Property to their center lines.
- (d) Together with all fixtures and personal property which now is or which later may be attached to or used or useful in connection with the Property. This does not include household furniture.
- (e) Together with all condemnation awards for any taking by a government or agency of the whole or part of the property or buildings or any easement in connection with the property. This includes awards for changes of grade of streets.

3. Future Advances. The Mortgagee may make advances in the future to the Mortgagor or future owners of the Property. In addition to the above debt this Note and Mortgage is intended to secure any more debts now or in the future owed by the Mortgagor to the Mortgagee. The maximum amount of debt secured by this Note and Mortgage shall not be greater than the debt stated above. Mortgagee is not obligated to make further advances.

4. Late Charge. If any payment is overdue more than fifteen (15) days an additional charge will be due to Mortgagee to cover the costs of delay. This late charge shall be three percent (3%) of the overdue monthly payment.

5. Insurance. Mortgagor will keep the buildings on the Property insured against loss by fire and other risks included in the standard form of extended coverage insurance. The amount shall be approved by Mortgagee, but shall not exceed full replacement value of the buildings. Mortgagor will assign and deliver the policies to Mortgagee. The policies shall contain the standard New York Mortgage clause in the name of Mortgagee. If Mortgagor fails to keep the buildings insured Mortgagee may obtain the insurance. Within thirty (30) days after notice and demand, Mortgagor must insure the property against war risk and any other risk reasonably required by Mortgagee.

6. Maintenance. Mortgagor will keep the property in reasonably good repair.

7. No Sale or Alteration. The Mortgagor may not, without the consent of Mortgagee, (a) alter, demolish or remove the buildings and improvements on the property, or (b) sell the property or any part of it, by land sale contract or otherwise.

8. Taxes, etc. Mortgagor will pay all taxes, assessments, sewer rents or water rates within 30 days after they are due. Mortgagor must show receipts for these payments within 10 days of Mortgagee's demand for them.

9. Expenses of Mortgagee. Mortgagor must pay all expenses of Mortgagee, including reasonable attorney's fees, if (a) Mortgagee is made a party in a suit relating to the Property, or (b) Mortgagee sues anyone to protect or enforce Mortgagee's rights under this Note and Mortgage,

including an action brought by Mortgagee against Mortgagor to enforce the terms of this Note and Mortgage.

10. Mortgagee's Right to Cure. Mortgagor authorizes Mortgagee to make payments necessary to correct a default of Mortgagor under Paragraphs 5, 8 and 9 of this Mortgage. Payments made by Mortgagee together with interest at the rate provided in this Note and Mortgage from the date paid until the date of repayment shall be added to the debt and secured by this Mortgage. Mortgagor shall make repayment with interest within 10 days after demand.

11. Statement of the Amount Due (estoppel). Within five (5) days after request in person or within ten days after request by mail, Mortgagor shall give to Mortgagee a signed statement of the amount due on this Note and Mortgage and whether there are any offsets or defenses against the debt.

12. Title. Mortgagor warrants the title to the property. Mortgagor is responsible for any costs or losses of the Mortgagee if an interest in the property is claimed by others.

13. Cure Violations. Mortgagor shall comply with any law or governmental order or cure any legal violation concerning the property. Mortgagor shall comply within ninety (90) days after the order or violation is issued or the law takes effect.

14. Lien Law Section 13. Mortgagor will receive the advances secured by this Note and Mortgage and will hold the right to receive the advances as a trust fund. The advances will be applied first for the purpose of paying the cost of improvement. Mortgagor will apply the advances first to the payment of the cost of improvement before using any part of the total of the advances for any other purpose.

15. Inspections. Mortgagee and any person authorized by the Mortgagee may enter and inspect the property at reasonable times.

16. Financing Statements. Mortgagor authorizes Mortgagee to file without Mortgagor's signature, one or more financing statements as permitted by law to perfect the security interest of this Note and Mortgage.

17. Default, When Full Amount of Debt Due Immediately. Mortgagee may declare the full amount of the debt to be due and payable immediately for any default. The following are defaults: (a) Mortgagor fails to make any payment required by this Note and Mortgage within thirty (30) days of the date it is due; (b) Mortgagor fails to keep any other promise or agreement in this Note and Mortgage within the time stated, or if no time is stated, within a reasonable time after notice is given that Mortgagor is in default. (c) On application of Mortgagee, two (2) or more insurance companies licensed to do business in New York State refuse to issue policies insuring the buildings and improvements on the property.

18. Sale. If Mortgagor defaults under this Note and Mortgage and the Property is to be sold at a foreclosure sale, the Property may be sold in one parcel.

19. Receiver. If Mortgagee sues to foreclose the Note and Mortgage, Mortgagee shall have the right to have a receiver appointed to take control of the property.

20. Payment of Rent and Eviction After Default. If there is a default under this Note and Mortgage, Mortgagor must pay monthly in advance to Mortgagee, or to a receiver who may be appointed to take control of the Property, the fair rental for the use and occupancy of the part of the Property that is in the possession of the Mortgagor. If Mortgagor does not pay the rent when due, Mortgagor will vacate and surrender the Property to Mortgagee or to the receiver. Mortgagee may evict Mortgagor by summary proceedings or other court proceedings.

21. Applicable Law. Mortgagee shall have all the rights set forth in Section 254 of the New York Real Property Law in addition to Mortgagee's rights set forth in this Note and Mortgage, even if the rights are different from each other.

22. No Waiver. Delay or failure of Mortgagee to take any action will not prevent Mortgagee from doing so later. Mortgagee may enforce those rights Mortgagee chooses without giving up any other rights.

23. No Oral Changes. This Note and Mortgage may not be changed or ended orally.

24. Notices. Notices, demands or requests may be in writing and may be delivered in person or sent by mail.

25. Who is Bound. If there are more than one Mortgagor each shall be separately liable. The words "Mortgagor" and Mortgagee shall include their heirs, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. If there are more than one Mortgagor or Mortgagee the words "Mortgagor" and Mortgagee" used in this Mortgage includes them.

26. No Pre-Payment Penalty. Mortgagor may prepay all or any part of this loan at any time without penalty.

27. No Pre-Payment Penalty. If the Mortgagor prepays all of this loan in full within five (5) years of the date hereof, any interest paid above 4.25% will be credited against the payoff amount.

28. Signatures. Mortgagor states that Mortgagor has read this Note and Mortgage, received a completely filled in copy of it and has signed this Note and Mortgage as of the date at the time of the first page.

29. Expenses Related to Mortgage. Mortgagor shall be responsible for all costs and fees associated with this Mortgage, including but not limited to any applicable recording fees and mortgage tax due and payable under New York State law.

MORTGAGOR

IGLESIA APOSTOLES Y PROFETAS
EMANUEL EFESIOS 2:20

BY: Cristina Fuentes
Name: Cristina Fuentes
Title: President

STATE OF NEW YORK)
COUNTY OF Suffolk) ss.:

On the 31st day of March, in the year 2026, before me, the undersigned, personally appeared _____, personally known to me or proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the individual(s) whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he/she/they executed the same in his/her/their capacity(ies), and that by his/her/their signature(s) on the instrument, the individual(s), or person(s) upon behalf of which the individual(s) acted, executed the instrument.



NOTARY PUBLIC

MATTHEW J. ORNSTEIN
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01OR6061397
Qualified in Suffolk County
Commission Expires July 16, 2027



Exhibit "A"

ALL that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the City of Glen Cove, in the Town of Oyster Bay, County of Nassau, and the State of New York, being more particularly bounded and described as follows:

BEGINNING at a point on the northerly side of North Lane, said point being distant 54.33 feet easterly from the most easterly end of an arc of a curve connecting the northerly side of North Lane with the easterly side of Brewster Street;

RUNNING THENCE north 27 degrees 23 minutes 20 seconds east, a distance of (306.89' on map) 304.64 feet to a point;

THENCE north 42 degrees 54 minutes 53 seconds east, a distance of (3.07 on map) 7.25 feet to a point;

THENCE south 25 degrees 36 minutes 47 seconds east, a distance of 31.99 feet to a point;

THENCE south 39 degrees 58 minutes 30 seconds east, a distance of 121.95 feet to a point;

THENCE south 13 degrees 49 minutes 47 seconds west, a distance of 128.73 feet to a point;

THENCE south 11 degrees 33 minutes 00 seconds west, a distance of 69.27 feet to the northerly side of North Lane;

THENCE north 78 degrees 27 minutes 00 seconds west along the northerly side of North Lane, a distance of 196.60 feet to the point or place of BEGINNING.

For information only: 7 North Lane, Glen Cove, NY 11542

Tax ID Number: 23-005-29

Commitment No: ES14-26-12874

**Garden City Administrative Commission Report
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 2, 2026 - Cutchogue**

We formally request to be dismissed as a commission at the next Presbytery meeting.

There are several items of action that we refer to the Garden City Church, COM, or the Shepherding Council in the summary below. We have made recommendations regarding the various debts below, but forgiveness or repayments need to be negotiated between the Garden City Church and the Presbytery.

A quick summary, additional context below.

- 403b Debt to Wanda is paid at this point (\$23,000).
- BOP debt to Presbytery (\$50,000) needs to be repaid monthly over the next 5 years.
- Attorney fees debt (\$20,000) to the Presbytery should be forgiven.
- Renovation debt (\$25,000) should be forgiven.
- Project Regeneration or another visioning project ought to be completed by the church by the end of 2026.
- Presbytery needs to work with Garden City to determine together if there is a viable congregation there. The current AC is not the appropriate group to do this with them.
- The AC would like to be dissolved at this time.
- Charlaine has access to Garden City's financial information.
- Elder Magalenne McClarrin has served as supply pastor and can answer questions about church leadership and spiritual formation.
- Laura Robinson functions as Clerk and serves on the AC. There is no official treasurer. Anita Cunningham is the treasurer for the Wilson Fund distributions. Barbara Doud is the office manager. They have a sexton and a musician for Sundays. Elder Magalene has served as supply pastor, but I am unsure of the status of that relationship.
- The church has a large preschool as a renter and a church group as well.
- Rev. Choi lives in the manse and pays rent plus some utilities.
- Charlaine set up QuickBooks and continues to have access to their financial records.

Additional Context:

Debt to Presbytery for BOP is likely around \$50k. Charlaine can update. This should be on a payment plan to the Presbytery over time. They were paying Wanda \$1,000 per month in the 403b debt, so perhaps they could afford that schedule. We note that the BOP debt was accumulated based on Mark's advice to stop paying dues. He felt the BOP would not discontinue benefits to the pastor, but in fact, they will. We do think, however, that this debt should be repaid by the church. No effort was made by the church, as best we understand it, to verify with BOP that they could stop paying dues and still have coverage for the pastor.

Debt to Presbytery for attorney fees was around \$20k. This has two parts: Wilson fund and evicting David Hughes from the manse. In our opinion, this should be forgiven for the church by the Presbytery. Charlaine may be able to parse out how much was spent on each item, but it was never clear to us and the church never saw any of the bills or itemized expenses for the attorney fees.

Mark made promises about the Wilson fund that were exaggerations and frankly, against the intent of the trust. The church didn't have access to the terms of the trust, nor did they understand the fee structure typical of these accounts. They also have zero standing to object to the terms of the trust, and neither does the presbytery, in our opinion.

With regard to the eviction, the church had no knowledge of how to do this, and there are few precedents to model it. Even the courts were confused as to how to understand our manse arrangement. In our opinion, the presbytery should consider that a learning experience and draw up guidelines for how to handle a manse eviction for pastor or family members AND also develop a policy for COM on how to support a pastor who comes forward with allegations of intimate violence. Every case is different, but there should be something in place so that pastors know they can reach out for support.

The Wilson Fund. As of 12/31/25, the fund is approaching \$1 million and continues to send approximately \$24,000 per year in quarterly distributions to the church. This is designated for Christian Education with little other guidance for the use of those funds. The church has a small committee that approves the use of the funds and tracks the balance available to the church. Anita has that information. In our opinion, these funds should also be tracked in QuickBooks. Charlaine has access to QuickBooks and could help with setting that up.

Merrill Lynch has declined to accept the Wilson Fund, even in combination with the Presbytery's accounts. David Haight shared that the minimum amount for his division to manage a trust has increased to \$4 million as of last year. In addition, even if they said yes, we would need to petition the court, as the trust is an orphan. The management of the trust is left to the discretion of the bank that holds it unless the court intervenes. Mark's plan was essentially to leverage the idea that the bank had significantly overcharged the management fees at a detriment to the church as beneficiary. More truthfully, is that the bank had UNDERCHARGED the trust for management for many years, and some years ago rectified that and brought the fees in line with industry standard.

The fees last year were approximately \$14,000, which is approximately 1.5% of the balance of the trust. Industry standard for this size account is between 1.0% and 4.0%. Some years the fees have been higher than the 1.5% but likely this is due to fluctuations in the balance. Overall, the fees are reasonable, and the trust has significantly benefited the church.

Mark's claims to the contrary were inflammatory and incorrect, and the church acted on his advice to sue. We can share more about this, but in our opinion, the presbytery should forgive these attorney fees and leave the trust at Hancock-Whitney. IF Garden City is ever unable to fulfill the terms of the trust, then the bank is directed to select another church in the Presbytery who can as beneficiary. Establishing a positive relationship with the trust manager could allow us to offer guidance IF that time ever comes.

There is also debt for the refurbishment of the manse, approximately \$25,000. Charlaine can update. The church has rented the manse to another pastor in the presbytery at significantly below market value since September 2023. There is one house for rent on [independent.com](#) that is perhaps similar, and the monthly rent is \$5,800 (February 2026). Another smaller condo for \$3,200. We recommend that the Presbytery forgive the renovation debt and thank the church for making it possible for the pastor to live there.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions or additional information needed. We are glad to see the Garden City holding steady and continue to pray for their discernment and future ministry.

In Gratitude and Hope,

Elder Steve Bodden

Rev. Joshua Jong

Elder Alex Lyons

Rev. Katie Mulligan (moderator)

Elder Laura Robinson (Garden City Elder)

Presbytery Of Long Island

2026 Budget vs Actual

January - December 2026

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income			
4000 Per Capita and Presbytery Income			
4001 Per Capita	72,240.13	251,914.00	28.68 %
4002 Donations for Presbytery Expenses	50.00	0.00	
4003 Presbytery Misc Income	572.93	0.00	
4004 Bank Interest		0.00	
4005 Reimbursements from Churches	400.00	0.00	
4006 Transfers from Investments	79,467.23	437,955.00	18.15 %
4007 Transfers from Enduring Witness for New Personnel		78,500.00	
Total 4000 Per Capita and Presbytery Income	152,730.29	768,369.00	19.88 %
4100 Presbytery Program Income			
4101 Clergy Retreat		0.00	
4102 Presbytery Day Income		0.00	
Total 4100 Presbytery Program Income		0.00	
4200 Presbytery Property Sales	2,492,631.58		
Total Income	\$2,645,361.87	\$768,369.00	344.28 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,645,361.87	\$768,369.00	344.28 %
Expenses			
50000 Presbytery Expenses			
5001 Denominational Expenses			
5002 PC (USA) Per Capita	11,486.71	66,726.76	17.21 %
5003 Synod Per Capita	24,555.86	25,185.50	97.50 %
Total 5001 Denominational Expenses	36,042.57	91,912.26	39.21 %
5100 Personnel			
5200 EP Compensation			
5201 EP Cash Salary	17,617.88	70,404.00	25.02 %
5202 EP Housing	16,463.02	56,447.00	29.17 %
5203 SECA Reimbursement	2,830.31	9,704.00	29.17 %
5204 EP Pension	4,843.82	10,782.00	44.93 %
5205 EP Medical	21,148.94	40,700.00	51.96 %
5206 Other Pension Board Expenses	1,288.88	3,836.44	33.60 %
5207 EP Professional Expenses	197.00	500.00	39.40 %
5208 EP Travel	843.91	6,000.00	14.07 %
Total 5200 EP Compensation	65,233.76	198,373.44	32.88 %
5300 Staff Compensation			
5301 Admin/Bookkeeper cash salary	16,985.50	62,136.00	27.34 %
5302 Admin/Bookkeeper Pension	1,739.38	5,196.56	33.47 %
5303 Admin/Bookkeeper Medical & FSA	17,330.08	51,944.00	33.36 %
5304 Other BOP Expenses & 403B	2,133.81	1,117.04	191.02 %
5305 Treasurer Compensation	17,496.22	59,987.00	29.17 %
5306 Staff Travel & Continuing Ed	514.22	500.00	102.84 %
5307 New Staff		151,000.00	
5310 New Person Travel		6,000.00	

		TOTAL	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Total 5300 Staff Compensation	56,199.21	337,880.60	16.63 %
5401 Employer Payroll taxes & Fee	3,053.06	16,000.00	19.08 %
5402 Worker's Comp, NYS Disability & PFL	1,771.20	3,500.00	50.61 %
Total 5100 Personnel	126,257.23	555,754.04	22.72 %
5500 Facilities			
5501 Insurance	786.00	1,000.00	78.60 %
5502 Cleaning	455.00	1,560.00	29.17 %
5503 Utilities	1,716.32	5,160.00	33.26 %
5505 West Islip rent & Utilities	10,400.00	36,000.00	28.89 %
Total 5500 Facilities	13,357.32	43,720.00	30.55 %
5600 Administration			
5601 Financial Review	5,000.00	10,000.00	50.00 %
5602 Office supplies	2,512.22	7,500.00	33.50 %
5603 Office Equipment & Service	2,021.99	4,000.00	50.55 %
5604 Miscellaneous	74.19	150.00	49.46 %
5606 Lawyer fees Policy Reviews		500.00	
Total 5600 Administration	9,608.40	22,150.00	43.38 %
5700 Presbytery Comm & Program Expense			
5701 COM Expenses	129.04	750.00	17.21 %
5702 Moderator Expenses		1,500.00	
5703 Committee Expenses	1,350.48	2,500.00	54.02 %
5704 Clergy Continuing Education		6,000.00	
5705 Resource Center	12,144.00	36,432.00	33.33 %
5706 Presbytery Meeting Expenses	116.34	2,550.00	4.56 %
5707 Presbytery Day		5,000.00	
5708 Backgroud checks for Churches	321.50	100.00	321.50 %
Total 5700 Presbytery Comm & Program Expense	14,061.36	54,832.00	25.64 %
Total 50000 Presbytery Expenses	199,326.88	768,368.30	25.94 %
Total Expenses	\$199,326.88	\$768,368.30	25.94 %
NET OPERATING INCOME	\$2,446,034.99	\$0.70	349,433,570.00 %
NET INCOME	\$2,446,034.99	\$0.70	349,433,570.00 %

**Presbytery Of Long Island
2026 Balance Sheet**

Bank Accounts	January	February	March
1000 NEW Capital One 68872			
1000 Presbytery Operating	84,904.99	142,157.82	107,477.98
1001 Shepherding	2,446.84	2,868.03	52,044.00
1002 Salary Supplement - Presbytery Designated	0.00	0.00	638.53
1003 Ga UMS, Special Offering, Extra	4,338.48	560.00	1,181.20
1004 NCD - Restricted	65,659.52	57,747.87	24,111.87
1005 Pass Through - Designated	1,250.00	2,125.00	(505.19)
1006 Presbyterian Youth Triennium	2,203.19	2,203.19	2,203.19
1007 Dissolution & Short term Loan repayment	280,035.95	186,713.38	56,424.50
1008 Shinnecock Donations	0.00	0.00	0.00
1110 Immigration Emergency		1,525.00	2,175.00
111 Cuba - Restricted	0.00	603.30	2,403.30
1112 Dekan Buckley Memorial Fund	0.00	0.00	6,105.74
Total 1000 NEW Capital One 68872	440,838.97	396,503.59	254,260.12

1200 Merrill Lynch Checking account			
1201 ML Revolving Loan	1,090.37	1,090.37	0.00
1202 ML NCD	5,627.45	2,839.19	2,637.12
1203 ML Reparative & Social Justice	17,222.61	17,222.61	0.00
1204 ML Outreach	24,668.35	24,668.35	0.00
1205 ML Cuba	6,003.30	0.00	0.00
1205 Shinnecock	0.00	0.00	115,821.93
1207 ML Candidate Loan & Grant	35,021.40	35,021.40	0.00
1208 ML Enduring Witness	1,637.08	0.00	0.00
1209 Salary Supplement	50,843.84	50,262.98	49,682.12
1210 ML Shepherding & Interest Income	4,885.59	0.00	0.00
1206 ML El Salvador	2,950.67	2,950.67	2,950.67
Total 1100 Merrill Lynch Checking account	103,128.46	103,128.46	103,128.46

1202 Mission Emmanuel Chase 0653			
1270 Certificate of Deposit Revolving Loan Fund	47,566.20	47,566.20	48,176.26

1300 Merrill Lynch Investments			
1301 Shepherding	376,276.94	379,179.80	372,001.14
1302 Outreach	544,938.46	636,972.04	714,294.77
1303 Social & Reparative Justice	162,760.07	244,829.34	329,916.41
1304 Enduring Witness Fund	2,061,419.62	2,394,641.83	2,599,138.95
1306 Grace PC Fund - Restricted	829,512.52	865,382.84	834,848.26
1307 Revolving Loan Fund - Restricted	147,784.22	150,617.66	146,421.23
1308 Operating	586,670.47	600,598.87	643,475.92
1309 Church Closures	722,545.20	734,109.93	204,086.92
1310 Susan Sommerville FU Restricted	39,784.06	40,543.20	39,006.09
1311 NCD Fund	621,376.11	628,414.43	598,297.82
1312 PIPH Manse Sale	0.00	272,988.95	273,419.93
1313 Candidate & Pastor Care Fund			57,246.77
Total 1300 Merrill Lynch Investments	6,093,067.67	6,948,278.89	6,812,154.21

Report of the Social Witness Committee
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 2, 2026 - Cutchogue

Grace and peace to you.

The Social Witness Committee began its work in February 2026 by focusing on listening to our congregations and seeking to understand the current landscape of mission, outreach, and social witness across the presbytery.

Grounded in the Great Ends of the Church—including *“the promotion of social righteousness”* and *“the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world”* (Book of Order F-1.0304)—the committee’s initial efforts have been directed toward learning where congregations are already engaged in ministries of service, justice, and community care.

To that end, the committee has developed and distributed a **Congregational Mission and Social Witness Survey** to all congregations within the presbytery. The survey is currently in the field, and we hope to receive responses soon. We encourage all congregations to participate.

The purpose of the survey is to:

- Identify areas where congregations are actively engaged in mission and social witness
- Learn what ministries are bearing fruit in local communities
- Understand the challenges congregations may be experiencing
- Discern how the presbytery might best support this work

In addition, the committee intends to organize this work through two small working groups:

- A **Follow-Up and Listening Group**, which will help coordinate responses and begin scheduling conversations with congregations
- A **Survey Analysis and Report Group**, which will review responses and prepare a summary of findings for the committee and the presbytery

In the coming months, the committee plans to conduct a series of **listening conversations with congregations**. These conversations are intended to be informal, relational opportunities to hear directly from pastors, elders, and ministry leaders about their experiences, strengths, and hopes for the future.

Through both the survey and these conversations, the committee hopes to provide observation into areas of congregational engagement, including ministries related to food insecurity, immigration, environmental stewardship, racial justice, LGBTQ inclusion, and pastoral care. At this stage, the committee’s work remains focused on listening and discernment rather than program development.

As this process continues, the committee will prepare a **summary report** highlighting key themes, strengths, and opportunities for connection and support across the presbytery. This report will help guide the committee in identifying a small number of realistic priorities for future work.

We are grateful to our Lord for the many ways congregations across the presbytery are already living out their call to mission and witness. We need and ask for all congregations to participate in the survey and, if invited, to consider taking part in a listening conversation with us.

The Social Witness Committee looks forward to sharing further updates in the months ahead.

To God be all the Glory.

Respectfully submitted,

Social Witness Committee

Rev. Monica DaCosta, *Hempstead*

John Kerr, *Shelter Island*

Elder Karen Murray, *Southold*

Elder Susan Oehrig, *Huntington*

Elder Robert H. King, *Levittown (Chair)*

Report of the Board of Trustees
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 2, 2026 - Cutchogue

No items for Action

The Trustees did not meet on March 4, 2026, as no action on business was required.

The Trustees met on April 22, 2026, at 6:30 PM via Zoom.

Present: Rev. Stephen Adkison (Moderator), Rev. Ida Rosario, Elder Candace Breen, Elder Natasha Jean-Louis, Rev. Paul Lent, Elder Bill Phillips, Rev. Kate Jones Calone (EP/Stated Clerk), Charlaine Apsel (Treasurer)

The meeting opened with prayer.

MSP: To approve the minutes from 1/21/26.

The Trustees received the resignation of Elder Amelia Chin and changed its regular meeting time to 7 PM.

The Trustees received a report from the Treasurer of the presbytery. Charlaine shared a balance sheet, which she noted did not include funds received from the sale of the Glen Cove church property. Charlaine also reminded the Trustees that our presbytery is participating in the "percentage model" arm of the PC(USA)'s funding experiment.

Order of the Day: The Trustees met with Elder Vickie DeFrist from First Presbyterian Southold. Vickie reported that FPC Southold has been looking into installing cell service antennas on the church steeple and has received a proposal from a "broker" company, Elite, that would apply for the necessary permits, arrange the construction, and find a cell carrier to lease the steeple antenna. In return, the church would receive annual income from the lease to a cell carrier. The Trustees were asked to provide input that could be shared with the session as it considers this option, and the Trustees provided several questions/considerations for the church to explore. Any final proposal will need to come back to the Trustees for approval.

The Trustees discussed:

- The status of the court petition for the sale of the E. Moriches property which has yet to be approved.
- Ongoing steps by the Shinnecock Presbyterian Church to rebuild their manse.
- Closings finalized on the following properties:
 - Glen Head manse
 - FPC Glen Cove church (with the presbytery holding a note for a portion of the sale price)
 - A portion of the land of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow
 - The manse of the former Valley Stream Presbyterian Church
 - The manse of the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches
 - A property held by Brentwood PIPH

- United Levittown's exploration of a short-term rental agreement for space in another church building following the sale of their property, and whether the Trustees have any role in reviewing/approving such arrangements.
- The ongoing work of the Collaboration for Christ work group, which has assembled a list of contractors recommended by congregations.
- A request from Old Whalers Church in Sag Harbor for a one-time building use of their sanctuary for a book reading on July 12. The Trustees had no objection to that use, and Paul will review the Trustees' policy on when churches need to obtain the Trustees' approval for use of their sanctuary.
- An offer from Bill to consult with congregations on security. The blurb below was published in the May Nexus.

The meeting closed with prayer.

The remaining meetings of the Trustees in 2026 are on July 15, September 2, and November 4, all at 7 PM on Zoom.

My name is Bill Phillips. I'm a member of the Trustees for Presbytery and co-chair of our Property Management of Center Moriches Presbyterian Church. We had a recent break-in at our church during our preschool program. It made the local news, but everyone was safe and followed lockdown protocol. As a retired teacher/electronics technician. I would like to offer our Presbyterian Church my knowledge about inexpensive monitoring camera systems and motion lighting. Our times have changed, as Center Moriches just learned. If you feel you could enhance your lighting and security, please give me a call, and I can offer suggestions on what your church can do. The Presbytery Trustees have supported this free outreach for my help- I'm not receiving any funds for my support. Bill Phillips- 631-255-4771 cell

**Commissioning of 227th General Assembly Commissioners and Delegate
(June 22 to July 2, 2026)**

Commissioners Rev. Dr. Karen Crawford, Rev. Samuel Shin, Elder Donald Adams, Elder Natasha Jean-Louis, and Young Adult Advisory Delegate Marissa Ganga

Call to Discipleship

Leader: We are called by God to be the church of Jesus Christ, a sign in the world today of what God intends for all humankind.

Presbytery: **The great ends of the Church are the proclamation of the gospel for the salvation of humankind; the shelter, nurture, and spiritual fellowship of the children of God; the maintenance of divine worship; the preservation of the truth; the promotion of social righteousness; and the exhibition of the Kingdom of Heaven to the world.**

Leader: The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Our discipleship is a manifestation of the new life we enter through baptism. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility.

Leader: Karen, Sam, Donald, Natasha, and Marissa, the grace bestowed upon you in baptism is sufficient for your calling because it is God's grace. By God's grace, we are saved and enabled to grow in the faith and to commit our lives in ways that serve Christ. God has called you to particular service. Will you please answer these questions:

Leader Who is your Lord and Savior?
Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior.

Leader Will you continue to be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love?
I will, with God's help.

Leader Do you welcome the responsibility of this service because you are determined to follow the Lord Jesus, to love neighbors, and to work for the reconciling of the world?
I do.

Leader Will you continue to serve the people with energy, intelligence, imagination, and love, relying on God's mercy and rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit?
I will, with God's help.

[to the presbytery]

Leader *Do we, members of the Presbytery of Long Island, accept Karen, Sam, Donald, Natasha, and Marissa as commissioners and delegates to the General Assembly, chosen by God through the voice of the church, to guide us in the way of Jesus Christ?*

Presbytery We do.

Leader *Do we promise to support, encourage, and pray for them throughout their travels and service at*

General Assembly, as they seek to fulfill their responsibilities in this ministry?

Presbytery **We will**

Commissioning Prayer

Leader *Let us pray:*

Presbytery **Almighty God, in Jesus Christ, you called disciples and, by the Holy Spirit, made them one church to serve you. Be with the members of the General Assembly. Help them to welcome new things you are doing in the world and to respect old things you keep and use. In their deliberation, may they bring about what is best for us and for all people. As they meet, let your Spirit guide so that the whole church may be joined in love and service to Jesus Christ, who, having gone before us, is coming to meet us in the promise of your kingdom. Amen.**

Leader *Karen, Sam, Donald, Natasha, and Marissa, you are commissioned to serve at the General Assembly. Whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God through Him. And may God bless you! Amen.*

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM)
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 2, 2026 - Cutchogue

Items for action

Motion: That the Presbytery approve the following documents: the Commissioned Ruling Elder Policy and Handbook, the Commissioned Ruling Elder Session Endorsement, the Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidate Application, and the CPM Acknowledgment of Policies, Ethics & Training.

Motion: to sustain the examination of Stephanie Castlen for ordination and report such satisfactory examination to Pittsburgh Presbytery.

Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) March 4, 2026, 10 AM - Zoom

An update on Candidates and Ministry included:

Samantha Kendrick: We are awaiting a response regarding the eyeglass reimbursement.

Keith Davis: The committee received the psychological evaluation and required training certificates (Boundary, NYS and Safe Gatherings). Per a discussion with Keith in January, a motion was made to COM for approval as a ruling elder commissioned to be added to the pulpit supply list.

MSP: To recommend Keith Davis to the Commission on Ministry for approval as Ruling Elder Commissioned; to the pulpit supply list.

Sharon Austin-Barrow: Sharon is currently serving the Elmont Presbyterian Church. She is ordained in the United Methodist Church in the Caribbean (UMCC) and has expressed a desire to transfer her ordination to the PC(USA). The titles differ between the denominations. The committee has been in contact with Alex Rodgers and Dianna Wright of the OGA Ecclesial and Ecumenical Ministries regarding this matter. We are awaiting further guidance.

Stephanie Castlen: Stephanie successfully completed all her ordination exams and required training and is scheduled to meet with the CPM in person on April 8, 2026.

Dolly Mohan: Dolly is enrolled in the Communion Table course offered by the Presbytery Partnership of Coastlands, Highlands, Long Island, and Northeast and Southern New Jersey.

Carolyn Corwith: Carolyn is continuing her training in the San Francisco Presbytery Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) program. Reference checks have been completed.

Vickie DeFriest: Vickie submitted her application for the CRE program.

Patrick Hanly: Patrick was commissioned as pastor of the Islip Presbyterian Church in January 2026. He was serving on the CPM Committee, but announced that he will step down from CPM.

Review of CRE Policies and Application Materials: The committee reviewed the CRE Policy and Handbook, the CRE Application, and the CRE Session Endorsement forms. Revisions were discussed and changes will be made and distributed to committee members for further review. A vote is anticipated at the April meeting, after which the revised materials will be submitted to the Shepherding Council for approval.

**Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) April 8, 2026, 10 AM - In person, Presbytery
CRE applications**

The committee reviewed and discussed the revisions made of the CRE Policy and Handbook, the CRE Application, and the CRE Session Endorsement forms. A third look was done, and additional changes were made and unanimously approved to present.

MSP: To present the CRE Policy and Handbook, the CRE Application, and the CRE Session Endorsement forms for approval at the Presbytery meeting on May 2, 2026.

Candidate and Ministry Updates

Stephanie Castlen: The committee met with Stephanie Castlen. All other documents necessary for ordination consideration are in receipt: transcripts, training, testing, a PDP draft, and a letter of coursework completion. After a brief conversation, opened in prayer by Kerry, Stephanie preached from Ruth. We reconvened and had a conversation regarding the sermon, her statement of faith and the ordination process. She will be examined at the May 2, 2026, Presbytery meeting and anticipates ordination in Pittsburgh this summer. Stephanie shared that she already has acquired a position in Pittsburgh. Glorya closed that portion of the meeting in prayer.

MSP: To present Stephanie Castlen for examination on May 2, 2026, at the Presbytery meeting.

Vickie DeFriest: Vickie met with the committee to share her faith journey and desire to begin the newly offered Northeast Synod, Dubuque-led, CRE program. After extensive conversation, we unanimously voted to endorse Vickie's application to the program offering her our support, prayers and encouragement. Jim agreed to be her liaison.

Carolyn Corwith: Carolyn met with the committee via Zoom to discuss her progress in the CRE program offered through San Francisco Presbytery. She reported that her experience has been rewarding and informative. We extended our desire to support her in this endeavor. We discussed the coursework differences between San Francisco's curriculum and our requirements. We will align the coursework and address concerns during our next meeting. Carolyn was reminded to review the training/testing requirements which are on the Presbytery website which will also need to be fulfilled.

Respectfully submitted,
The Reverend Kerry Riddle, CPM chairperson

Presbytery of Long Island Commissioned Ruling Elder Policy and Handbook

Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)

Authority

The requirements for Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs) are outlined in the Book of Order, G-2.10. These constitutional provisions govern this policy and all related guidelines and procedures established by the Presbytery. Updates to this policy may be approved by the Shepherding Council upon the recommendation of the CPM.

Definition

A Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) is a Ruling Elder in the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) to whom the Presbytery grants a local commission to perform limited pastoral service as authorized and assigned by the Presbytery.

General Principles

- CREs serve under a written covenant between the Presbytery, the session, and the CRE.
- The Commission is renewed annually and specifies duties, time commitment, compensation, and the scope of ministry.
- CREs may only perform sacramental and pastoral duties within their commissioned context.
- CREs must remain active members of their home congregations where possible.
- Judicial matters concerning a CRE fall under the jurisdiction of the Presbytery.
- Ordinarily, a Ruling Elder shall not be commissioned to serve in their home congregation.
- Certification as ready for commissioning does not guarantee Commissioning as a CRE.
- A commission is granted based upon the specific ministry needs identified by the Presbytery.

Forms of Service

The scope of authorized service shall be clearly defined in the Agreement between the Session(s) and the CRE and must be approved at its inception and thereafter annually by the Committee on Ministry (COM).

The Presbytery may commission a CRE in one of the following forms:

- **Pastoral Commission**
Serving as a CRE who performs authorized pastoral functions within a congregation or a designated group of congregations.
- **Specific or Limited Pastoral Commission**
Serving as a CRE commissioned for specific functions within a congregation, a designated group of congregations, or the presbytery at-large, such as: Pulpit Supply, Administration of the Sacraments, Moderating Session(s), or other specific duties as approved.

CRE Responsibilities may include:

- Leading worship and preaching
- Administering the Sacraments (It is strongly recommended that the liturgy from the Book of Common Worship be utilized)
- Moderating session and congregational meetings
- Providing pastoral care (*hospital visits, funerals, home visits*)
- Officiating weddings and Services of Witness to the Resurrection
- Teaching Bible studies or leading education ministries
- Participating in community ministry in consultation with the session
- Referring parishioners to counseling or pastoral care resources
- Participating in the life of the Presbytery (*attending meetings, serving on committees*)

A commission is valid in the specific congregation(s) specified in the commission, and not in any other place; the commission does not “travel” with the CRE unless authorized for service in the presbytery at-large. Once certified by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry as ready to receive a commission, the candidate will be under the care of the Commission on Ministry (COM), which oversees commissioning, placement, and annual review within the presbytery. Each CRE is assigned a Minister Mentor/Supervisor who meets with them at least twice a year. CREs must also submit an annual report to COM detailing their ministry activities.

Oversight and Accountability

The candidate will begin under the care of the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM), which oversees the discernment and training process until the candidate is deemed ready for commissioning.

CRE Training - Educational & Other Requirements

1. Required areas of instruction include:

- Old Testament
- New Testament
- Reformed Theology
- Presbyterian Polity
- Worship and Sacraments
- Foundations of Church Education
- Christian Caregiving/Pastoral Care
- Preaching

2. Additional requirements:

- Background check - paid by Presbytery
- Completion of Training required by the Book of Order and New York State
 - NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training is required annually
 - Boundary Training (G-3.0106) is required every three years
 - Child and Youth Sexual Abuse Prevention Training (G-3.0106) is required every three years
- A psychological evaluation, which must be completed before registering for a third class
 - Contact the Presbytery office for the evaluator’s contact information
- Signed acknowledgment of presbytery policies

- Submission of a one-page Faith Statement.
- Completion of Training required by the Book of Order and New York State
- For those who plan to pursue a pastoral commission, a field internship must be completed in a congregation that is not the CRE's home church. Before implementing, the field internship plan must be approved by CPM.

The field internship must include

- attendance at a session meeting, including at least one opportunity to moderate a portion of a session meeting,
 - at least two opportunities to preach during a worship service,
 - attendance at 1 or 2 worship services that include the Sacrament of Communion, including at least one occasion of assisting in the administration of communion,
 - attendance at a committee meeting,
 - Christian Education (teaching a class)
 - Pastoral Care
 - regular meetings with the pastor to discuss the pastor's ministry and the ministry of the church.
- In cases where the candidate seeks commissioning to a ministry other than pastoral responsibilities in a congregation, the CPM will determine the scope and requirements of a field internship.
 - Meeting with the assigned CPM liaison and the CPM at designated benchmarks.
 - An assessment of the CRE candidate's understanding and application of their coursework, to be completed at the end of the period of instruction and conducted by the CPM and/or other members of the presbytery.
 - A sermon delivered in person to the CPM.

3. Requirements after Commissioning

- Submission of an annual CRE Ministry Report before recommissioning
- Continuing Education: 10 hours per year, with some specific requirements established by the COM
- Early Ministry Training (EMI): required for CREs who serve in a pastoral role; EMI must be started within the first 15 months of the CRE's commissioning
- Mentor accountability, to include at least two meetings per year.
- Participation in a cohort of CREs.
- Participation in the life of the presbytery, including regular attendance at presbytery meetings and service on a committee.

Approved Programs

To be eligible for commissioning, a ruling elder must receive theological training in areas determined appropriate by the Presbytery of Long Island. The following programs are recognized:

- Dubuque Theological Seminary's Commissioned Ruling Elder Program (online)
<https://www.dba.edu/UDTS/AcademicPrograms/CongregationalEquipping/>
- Presbytery of San Francisco's CRE/CP Program:
<https://www.presbyteryofsf.org/commissioned-ruling-elders-cre-program/>
- Union Presbyterian Seminary Pathways Online Courses:
<https://www.upsem.edu/leadership-institute/pathways-overview/>

- Synod of the Northeast
- Other theological training programs approved in writing by the CPM

Expenses and Cost Sharing

The candidate will bear the costs of coursework and other preparation, including:

- Seminary/online courses
- Coursework books, supplies
- Expenses required by field education

The following costs are shared:

- The presbytery will cover the cost of required background checks.
- The psychological evaluation is shared between the ⅓ presbytery, ⅓ the individual, and ⅓ the home church.

Scholarship funds may be available from the presbytery or the Synod of the Northeast, but are not guaranteed.

Step-by-Step Process to Become a CRE

Application and Preliminary Clearance

1. Eligibility:
 - Must be an ordained ruling elder for at least 3 years prior to being commissioned
 - Ordinarily, applicants must hold a bachelor's degree. The CPM may make an exception if the candidate demonstrates the necessary gifts and talents for this ministry.
2. Application:

Submitted to the CPM by the Clerk of Session of the applicant's church

 - Signed Application with Faith Statement and Questions for Reflection (*Form 1A/CRE*)
 - Session's Endorsement (*Form 1B/CRE*)
 - Background Check Permission Form
 - Signed Acknowledgment of presbytery policies (*Form 1C/CRE*)
3. Upon receipt of the application and required documents, CPM will review the application.
4. The CPM will meet with the candidate for a preliminary discernment conversation.
5. CPM will determine whether the candidate may transition to the Formation stage. If so, the CPM will assign a liaison.

Formation

During Formation, the candidate will complete the required courses and fieldwork. Throughout the Formation process, the CPM Liaison will meet with the candidate at least twice a year to review progress and discuss the candidate's sense of call. Oral reports will be shared with CPM.

6. Psychological evaluation (*contact the presbytery office for approved providers*)
7. Education: Complete approved coursework through one of the listed programs
8. Completion of PLI required training
9. Involvement in the Presbytery
10. Periodic Reviews with CPM (*based on time frame of program completion*) (*Form 3A/CRE*)

11. Field Internship: Complete the CPM approved Field Internship and submit the Skills Evaluation Form (*Form 2A/CRE & Form 2B/CRE*)
12. Based on the length of training, CPM will schedule periodic reviews (*Form 3A/CRE*)
13. Standardized written and oral examination completed

Final Assessment

Upon completion of all requirements, the candidate will meet with CPM for the final assessment. CPM will determine whether the candidate will be certified as ready to receive a commission.

Required materials for this meeting are:

- CRE *Form 3A/CRE*
- Statement of Faith
- A short sermon and a short exegesis paper that inform the sermon.

Search For A Commission

- Once a CPM certifies that a candidate is ready for a commission, the candidate may, if appropriate, complete a Personal Discernment Profile (PDP) in consultation with their CPM Liaison. Completed PDPs will be kept in the candidate's file at the Presbytery office, and the COM will be notified.
- When a church is open to CRE pastoral leadership, the Executive Presbyter (EP) will contact the candidate. If the candidate is open to this call, the EP will forward the candidate's PDP to the COM.
- If the church and the CRE candidate wish to move forward with an agreement, they will meet with the COM, which will assess the candidate's fitness for the specific call.
- Commissioning: Upon COM approval of the call, the Presbytery commissions the candidate.

Primacy of the Book of Order and Permanent Judicial Commission Interpretations

If any discrepancy exists between this policy and the Book of Order or any authoritative interpretations of G-2.1001-2.1004 issued by the GA Permanent Judicial Commission (PJC) or the Office of Constitutional Services, the Book of Order and its interpretive readings shall prevail.

Approved by the Committee on Preparation for Ministry: [Insert Date]

Approved by the Commission on Ministry, [Insert Date]

Approved by the Presbytery [Insert Date]

4. How do you see the applicant's spiritual gifts and abilities aligning with this role?

5. Please provide a brief statement explaining why the session affirms this candidate's readiness and suitability for service as a CRE, including the session's mutual discernment with the candidate about their sense of call to further ministry

Recommendation

The Pastor and session have prayerfully met with the candidate to discuss the role and responsibilities of a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE). Through careful discernment, the session has considered the candidate's spiritual maturity, leadership qualities, and gifts for ministry. The session affirms a clear sense of God's call upon this individual to prepare for service in this ministry role.

The Pastor, session, and Session Liaison acknowledge and accept their shared responsibility to support the candidate throughout this process. They commit to providing ongoing spiritual encouragement, regular prayer, and faithful guidance as the candidate continues preparing for ministry. The session also acknowledges that it will contribute one-third of the cost of the candidate's psychological evaluation (approximately \$333).

The Session of _____ (Church)
having met with _____, a Ruling Elder in this congregation, and after due prayer and thoughtful deliberation, hereby recommend this individual to the Commissioned Ruling Elder Program.

Moderator _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Clerk of Session _____
Signature _____ Date _____

**Presbytery of Long Island
Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE) - Candidate Application**

Date of Application _____

Personal Information

Full Name: _____

Home Address: _____

Main phone: _____

Email: _____

Church Information

Current Church membership: _____

Date Joined: _____ Year of your Baptism: _____

Year of your Confirmation/Profession of Faith: _____

Most Recent Previous Churches (include up to three)

1. _____ Date of membership _____

2. _____ Date of membership _____

3. _____ Date of membership _____

Have you been ordained as an Elder in the PC(USA) No Yes Date of ordination _____

How long have you served as an Elder, and in which congregations:

Church _____ Years as an Elder _____

Church _____ Years as an Elder _____

Have you been ordained as a Deacon in the PC(USA) No Yes Date of ordination _____

List up to five areas of involvement in the life and mission of the Church, either as a Participant or Leader, that are most significant in your sense of call to the Commissioned Ruling Elder (mark current involvement with an asterisk(*)).

Area of Involvement

Responsibilities

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Academic Information

List the academic institutions you have attended, beginning with high school, and supply the information requested in each column.

Institution	Dates attended	Degree / Diploma and Year

Briefly describe your academic interests/gifts. Include any academic honors, awards, special recognitions, sports, organizations, and extracurricular activities that have been meaningful to you.

Occupational History

Beginning with your current or most recent position, list all full-time or part-time jobs or occupations in which you have been employed. Include the five (5) most recent positions held within the past twenty (20) years. Indicate part-time by placing "PT" beside the title.

Job	Title	Dates	Responsibilities

References

References should include at least two of the following: someone from your current church of membership, a former employer, a peer, a former professor, or school administrator.

1. Describe the relationship _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Main phone: _____ Alt phone: _____

Email: _____

How long have you known this person _____

2. Describe the relationship _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Main phone: _____ Alt phone: _____

Email: _____

How long have you known this person _____

3. Describe the relationship _____

Full Name: _____

Address: _____

Main phone: _____ Alt phone: _____

Email: _____

How long have you known this person _____

I, _____, hereby authorize the Committee on Preparation for Ministry to contact the above references as to my suitability for this program. Furthermore, I commit to completing the required training for the Presbytery of Long Island and submitting to a background check.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please attach your Faith Statement and reflections to your application.

Faith Statement

Write a brief one-page statement of your personal faith.

Questions for Reflection

Please reflect on the following questions (1-3) and prepare a written response (maximum 275 words each).

1. What has led you to discern a call to serve in ministry as a Commissioned Ruling Elder (CRE)?
2. What experiences or significant events in your life have affirmed or strengthened this sense of call?
3. After reviewing the PC(USA) Book of Order G-2.10 provisions regarding Commissioned Ruling Elders, how do you see your spiritual gifts and abilities aligning with this role?

Commissioned Ruling Elder Candidate Application Checklist

- CRE Application (*Form 1A/CRE*)
- Faith statement
- Reflection Questions
- Background Check Permission
- Session Endorsement (*Form 1B/CRE*)
- Acknowledgment of Presbytery Policies (*Form 1C/CRE*)

This form should be submitted first to your session. If the session approves your request, the Clerk of Session will forward your completed application to the Committee on Preparation for Ministry (CPM) through the Presbytery office. Email: laurie@presbyteryofli.org or Presbytery of Long Island, 109 Udall Road, West Islip, NY 11795



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presbyteryofli.com

CPM Acknowledgment of Policies, Ethics & Training

Full Name _____

Under the care of the CPM for training to become a Teaching Elder or a Commissioned Ruling Elder *(circle one)*

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT

I hereby acknowledge that I received on _____ (date) copies of the following Presbytery of Long Island policies: (1) Sexual Misconduct Policy and Its Procedures, (2) Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adult Protection Policy and Its Procedures, (3) Harassment Policy, and (4) Anti-Racism Policy, (5) received a copy of the Standards of Ethical Conduct approved by the 210th General Assembly (1998) Presbyterian Church (USA) and that I have read these policies, understand their meaning, and agree to conduct myself in accordance with these policies.

Signature _____

Date _____

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF REQUIRED TRAINING

In accordance with the Book of Order of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), New York State, and the Presbytery of Long Island, I hereby acknowledge that I have / I will *(circle one)* complete(d) all required trainings within the first three months of my commission _____ (start date). I will continue to comply with all training requirements while I am a member of this presbytery.

Signature _____

Date _____

Office use

CPM First Meeting Date _____

Complete All Trainings

NYS - NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training

Date _____

BT - Boundary Training

Date _____

C&YPT - Child and Youth Sexual Abuse Prevention Training Date _____

Abuse Prevention Refresher

Keeping Your Church Safe

Duty to Report: Mandated Reporter

Stephanie Castlen grew up on Long Island and has called her “home church” First Presbyterian Church of Smithtown. During her formative years, Stephanie blossomed in her faith at Smithtown through Sunday school, Vacation Bible School programs, the church choir, and more. In ninth grade, she was confirmed as a full member of Smithtown and was later ordained as a deacon.

Stephanie received her Bachelor of Arts in Religious Studies from Moravian University. One of the most impactful experiences she had was her semester abroad in Gambia, a predominantly Muslim country in West Africa, where she witnessed Muslims and Christians coexisting peacefully. This showed her the importance of interfaith dialogue and ultimately influenced her concentration on Islamic studies.

Stephanie has over eight years of camp and conference center experience. During her college years, she was a counselor, bakery coordinator, and assistant program director at Holmes Presbyterian Camp and Conference Center. She was also an intern and day camp coordinator at Crestfield Camp and Conference Center in Slippery Rock, Pennsylvania, and has recently concluded her consultant work at Beaver Creek Church Camp in East Liverpool, Ohio.

Starting in 2018, Stephanie continued her ministry as Director of Christian Education at Katonah Presbyterian Church in Katonah, New York. Here, she led the education, children, and youth programs.

After much discernment and reflection during the pandemic, Stephanie answered the call to begin her studies at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (PTS). During this time, she gained hands-on experience as a year-long intern at Calvin Presbyterian Church in Zelienople, Pennsylvania, where she learned the complex and beautiful nature of church ministry and her call to enter parish ministry. She has completed all her credits for her Master’s in Divinity at PTS and is waiting to walk across the stage at the end of May.

In continuing her education, Stephanie completed her first unit of clinical pastoral education at UMPC Presbyterian at Shadyside in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Here, she learned and continues to learn the practice of presence, the action of active listening, the beautiful art of prayer, and the importance of being an ambassador for God to all those in need.

Stephanie has recently accepted a call at John McMillan Presbyterian Church in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, as the Director of Spiritual Development. If approved as certified ready, the John McMillan family is ready to welcome her with open arms as their Associate Pastor.



Stephanie Castlen: Statement of Faith

The foundation of my faith is placed on God, our Creator, who created the heavens and earth and all that is in it and called it good. God expanded as a loving parent, Heavenly Father known through Christ, and as Mother, like a hen that protects her brood under her wings. In the exploration of Psalms, God is my strength, my refuge, and my fortress during times of trial and personal storms. Not only this, but God is omnipotent and omnipresent, guiding me toward His perfect Shalom in the Kingdom of God and reminding me that His steadfast love endures forever. Yet God is still a wondrous, never-ending mystery who guides and motivates me to continue my faith journey, with understanding and peace in not knowing all them answers.

I believe Jesus Christ is my Lord and Savior: fully human and fully divine. Jesus was with God in the beginning as the Word. And as the Word, He came down to earth not to condemn it but to save us all from what was seen as impenetrable sin. Jesus was born of the Virgin Mary, and she called him Emmanuel, God with us.

Jesus, the Son of God, was baptized by John the Baptist and sent out by the Holy Spirit to begin his ministry. As he walked this earth, he taught his followers on hills, in boats, and in parables, performed miracles, healed the sick, cared for the outcast, ate with sinners, and called for the reversal of earthly corruption by calling the first to be last and the last to be first in the inaugurated and coming Kingdom of God.

Jesus' ministry created awe and amazement in the disciples and the crowds, but fear in those in power. This fear and power led to Jesus's beating, bloody crucifixion, and death as the crowds cackled at the title of King of the Jews, as his disciples fled, and as his mother and the women cried at the foot of the cross.

Yet, death did not defeat Jesus, nor did our sins that brought him to the cross. But he gave us the ultimate gift of grace. On the third day, Jesus rose from the dead. He went ahead to Galilee, revealing himself to Mary and his disciples through the touch of his hands and feet, and the breaking of bread. After he ascended into heaven to sit on the right hand of the Father until the time of trial, where he will return, resurrecting the dead and creating a new heaven and new earth.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, who has been here since the beginning of creation as she hovered over the waters. God and Jesus Christ sent out the Holy Spirit as an Advocate through Christ to guide his disciples after his death and resurrection. The Holy Spirit founded the Church through a great wind, flames, and speaking in tongues, inspiring the call to follow Christ through spreading the Good News of the Kingdom throughout the earth. The Holy Spirit instills in us many gifts that allow us to spread the Gospel in unique and powerful ways.

I believe in the Church universal and Christ at its head. As the Church, Christ calls us to spread the Gospel and to follow Christ's call for us to love the Lord, our God, with all our heart, soul, and mind, and to love our neighbors as ourselves. It is our call as followers of Christ to expand the mission of the Church by reaching out to our neighbors, no matter their race, sexual orientation, gender identity, nationality, legal status, economic status, or political stance. Our aim

is to become a priesthood of believers under the ultimate Priest, our Lord, among a cloud of witnesses throughout all the ages.

I believe in the authority of Scripture, written through the inspiration of the Holy Spirit. Our Scriptures provide us with guidance in times of division and personal tumult, they teach us the gift of humility when we fall into temptation, and offer us hope and love through the constant calling of the Kingdom of God.

I believe in the two sacraments of Baptism and the Table. Baptism is a visible sign of God reaching out to us as His beloved children, who will never leave us. It is a time of praise and gratitude for the Lord our God, and of the promise, as a community of believers, to support those baptized in our midst and to teach them the Scriptures. I believe in the Table as a welcoming space, a place where we can join in fellowship with our siblings in Christ through the breaking of bread and taking the cup, opening our eyes to the sacrifice Christ made and the grace he has bestowed on us. Yet, the sacrament of the Table does not end there. It is yet another call bestowed upon us by Christ. A call for us to embrace the Holy Spirit and continuously go out into the world to spread the Good News through peace, courage, gladness, humility, and love, even in times of turmoil, adversity, and division.

I believe this is only the beginning of my faith journey, which will wind and dip and spin at the hand of God, who is most gracious and merciful. My journey will continue through ceaseless prayer, the practice of the sabbath, meditation on scripture, fellowship with my siblings in Christ, and continuous curiosity about the mystery of my faith.

Committee On Ministry (COM)
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 2, 2026 - Cutchogue

Items of action

Motion: To confer the status of retired on the Rev. William Hoffman, effective July 31, 2026.

Motion: To confer the status of retired on the Rev. Peter Kelley, effective May 31, 2026.

At its meeting on January 13, 2026

Information

MSP The Commission appoints Rev. Katie Mulligan as the COM moderator for the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Oceanside.

MSP The Commission appoints the Rev. Moira Ahearne as the COM-appointed moderator for the session of the First Presbyterian Church of Baldwin.

MSP The Commission appoints CRE Richard King as a COM-appointed moderator for the session of the Old Whalers' Church in Sag Harbor.

MSP The Commission approved CRE Richard King to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper and to Moderate the Congregational Meeting on January 18, 2026, at the Old Whalers' Church - Sag Harbor

MSP The Commission approved Roslyn's MDP changes for a salary increase and the change from the manse option to a manse or housing allowance.

MSP The Commission approved Elder Keith E. Davis, First Presbyterian Church of Southampton, to the Presbytery of Long Island Pulpit Supply list to preach only, pending completion of required training for pulpit supply.

MSP The Commission approved Elder Andrea Morgan Eason of Memorial Presbyterian Church, Roosevelt, to the Presbytery of Long Island Pulpit Supply list to preach only, pending completion of required training for pulpit supply.

Agreements and Terms of Call

MSP The Commission approved Pending completion of required training: To approve the Covenant Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the Presbyterian Church of the Moriches of Center Moriches and Rev. Antoinette Walrond (UCC), effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. The terms are as follows.

Time	Part-Time (24h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	\$ 40,000	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA
Housing Allowance	\$ 18,000	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	NA
SECA Tax	\$ 3,060	Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement	\$ 500
BOP Covenant Package	NA	Continuing Ed Expense	\$ 2,000
Dental	NA	Continuing Education days	14 days, including 2 Sundays
		Vacation days	30 days, including 5 Sundays
		NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually	07/24/2024 PRC
		Boundary Training is required every three years	10/2023 PLI
		Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years	08/2024 Prasideum Academy

MSP. The Commission approved pending review of the NCD committee. The CRE Agreement and Terms between the **Presbytery of Long Island and CRE Gustavo Sanchez** and the Mission Emmanuel in Remsenburg, effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026, were approved. The terms are as follows.

Time	Full-Time (40h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	NA
Cash Salary	\$ 85,605	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) withheld by Clergy	NA

Housing Allowance	\$ 37,710	Automobile Expense Reimbursement	NA
SECA Tax	\$ 6548.81	Pastoral Ministry Expense Reimbursement	\$500
BOP Transitional Package	\$ 40,234	Continuing Ed Expense	\$2,000
Dental	TBD	Continuing Education days	14 days, including 2 Sundays
		Vacation days	30 days, including 5 Sundays
NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually			11/2025 PRC
Boundary Training is required every three years			10/2023 PLI
Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years			07/2024 Prasadium Academy

At its meeting on February 10, 2026

Information

MSP authorized Rev. Immanuel Bae to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper as chaplain at St. Francis Hospital, located at 100 Port Washington Blvd. Roslyn, NY, for 2026.

MSP authorized Rev. Jeehoon Song to administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper at Open Door Presbyterian Church, located at 2999 Centreville Rd., Herndon, VA 20171, for 2026.

MSP approved the year three request for a Salary Supplement of \$6,970.30 (\$580.86 per month) for the period from March 1, 2026, to February 28, 2027, for the Rev. Wade Pond and Melville/Sweet Hollow Church.

MSP The committee voted to transfer the Rev. Russell Roth from the Presbytery of Long Island to the Presbytery of Genesee Valley.

MSP to form a team to explore the best practices around shared ministry

Agreements and Terms of Call

MSP renewed the Extended Pulpit Supply Agreement with the session of the Setauket Presbyterian Church and Rev. Candace Whitman, starting on January 26, 2026, and ending on April 26, 2026. In addition to preparing and leading weekly worship on Sundays at 9:30 a.m., the Pastor will fulfill the following responsibilities: provide support to the session by moderating meetings; offer additional support to church programs and professional staff; provide pastoral care; and be available for other meetings and events in consultation with the session. This service is expected to require approximately 22 hours per week, and the Church will compensate the Pastor at \$40 per hour, plus 72.5 cents per mile for church business. (EPSP start date November 2025)

NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training is mandated annually. 05/2025 PRC

Boundary Training is required every three years. 10/2023 PLI

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training is required every three years. 07/2025 Prasadium Academy

MSP To approve the Covenant Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the **Springs Community Presbyterian Church of East Hampton and the Rev. Jon Rodriguez**, starting Feb 10, 2026, through December 31, 2026. Terms are as follows:

Time Part-Time (10h)

Cash Salary \$15,000

NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually 11/2025 PRC

Boundary Training is required every three years 07/2024 PLI

Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years 07/2024 Prasadium Academy

MSP To approve the Covenant Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the **Springs Community Presbyterian Church of East Hampton and the Rev. Robert Stuart**, starting Feb 10, 2026, through December 31, 2026. Terms are as follows:

Time Part-Time (10h)

Cash Salary \$15,000

NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually 09/2025 PRC

Boundary Training is required every three years 11/2024 PLI
 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years 11/2024 Prasidium Academy

At its meeting on March 10, 2026

Information

MSP The Commission approved Rev. Wade Pond as the pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Sweet Hollow to take on additional secular work as a pickleball instructor.

MSP The commission approved the Ministry Discernment Profile of the Bridgehampton Presbyterian Church for submission to the Church Leadership Connection to start the search for a pastor.

MSP The Commission approved extending the EPSP agreement with CRE Magalene McClarrin and the Garden City Presbyterian Church, from April 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026, with a \$38 weekly increase. Garden City will return to the Commission in July to share the results of their discernment through Project Regeneration.

MSP The Commission approved Elder Donald Adams, Grace Church of Selden, to the Presbytery of Long Island Pulpit Supply list to preach and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper—pending completion of required training.

MSP accepted the request from Rev. Peter Kelley to retire, with his last day at the First Presbyterian Church Southold to be June 30, 2026.

MSP accepted the request from Rev. William Hoffman to retire, with his last day at the Montauk Community Church to be July 31, 2026

MSP accepted the request from Rev. Ida Rosario to retire, with her last day at the Brentwood Presbyterian Church to be August 2, 2026

MSP To commission Elder Keith E. Davis, First Presbyterian Church of Southampton, to the Presbytery of Long Island Pulpit Supply list to preach and administer the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper from March 10, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

Agreements and Terms of Call

MSP approved the renewal of the Covenant Pastor Agreement and Terms between the Session of the **Presbyterian Church in Elmont and Rev. Sharon Austin-Barrow** (MCCA), effective January 1, 2026, through December 31, 2026. The terms are as follows.

Time	Part-Time (16h)	Tax-Deferred Invest. (403 B) paid by Church	\$ 1,000
Cash Salary	\$ 27,600	Vacation days	30 days, including 5 Sundays
Housing Allowance	\$ 32,400		
Utilities	\$ 2,850		
SECA Tax	\$ 4,808		

NYS Sexual Harassment Prevention Training required annually 08/2025 PRC
 Boundary Training is required every three years 10/2023 PLI
 Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Training required every three years 08/2024 Praesidium Academy

Service of Retirement From The Ministry Of Word And Sacrament
Stated Meeting of Presbytery – May 2, 2026, Cutchogue

THE REVEREND BILL HOFFMAN AND THE REVEREND PETER KELLEY

Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator

Leader Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another.

All Before the mountains were brought forth, or the land and the earth were born, from age to age you are God.

Leader Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

All Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all God's benefits,

Leader who forgives all your sins and heals all your infirmities,

All who redeems your life from the grave and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;

Leader who satisfies you with good things,

All and your youth is renewed like an eagle's

Words of Recognition for Rev. Bill Hoffman - Elder Susan Raymond from Montauk Community Church

Words of Recognition for Rev. Peter Kelley - Rev. Kirsty Dixon-Maret from Middle Island Presbyterian Church

Bill Hoffman & Peter Kelley, you have completed your active service as ministers of the Word and Sacrament. Your siblings in this presbytery rejoice with you in the evidence of the Holy Spirit in your work. We thank God for your dedicated ministry in the church of Jesus Christ, and we praise God for the grace that has allowed your ministry to touch many lives. Now we come to mark with you the fulfillment of your calling, as the presbytery confers upon you the status of Retired. While we know this begins a time of rest and the enjoyment of other callings, we value the experience you have gained and the skills you have acquired throughout your years of ministry. Therefore, we welcome your continued participation in the life of the church and encourage you to use your gifts in meaningful ways. You remain a colleague in ministry, and we will continue to seek your wisdom and your fellowship. Together with the whole church, you will find new opportunities to fulfill your baptismal calling as one marked by the Holy Spirit, a disciple of Jesus Christ. May God continue to bring joy and peace to your lives, just as you have blessed the Presbyterian Church with your ministry and the gospel of Jesus Christ.

A Prayer of Thanksgiving - Rev. Rachel Vione, Moderator

Eternal God, through all the years of our lives, your love protects and guides us. By your spirit, you call us to varied ministries in the service of Jesus Christ. We praise you for your gifts to your servants **Bill & Peter**, for their faithful proclamation of your Word, their administration of the holy sacrament of Jesus Christ, and pastoral care and leadership in the church. Grant them time for nourishment and rest, reflection and rejoicing, and the fullness of your peace. Through the Holy Spirit, bless them that they may remember the love of Jesus Christ, which unites us in the service of our Lord. In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Thanks & Presentation of Gifts from the Presbytery - Rev. Kate Jones Calone, Executive Presbyter & Stated Clerk

Beloved in Christ, God has brought you to years of Christian maturity in the Gospel ministry, and you have now requested retirement. The Presbytery of Long Island, in granting your request, gives thanks for your service to God. It is my privilege as Executive Presbyter to say for all of us, well done, good and faithful servant.

Shepherding Council Report
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 2, 2026 - Cutchogue

Items for action

Motion: Approve the proposed Guidelines for New Worshiping Communities.

Motion: that the Valley Stream South Asian Fellowship be chartered as a congregation of the PC(USA) under the name "Valley Stream Community Presbyterian Church" and take the necessary steps to incorporate in New York State. (pp 13-15)

Motions on the Consent Agenda

Motion: dismiss with gratitude the Garden City Administrative Commission.

Motion: dismiss with gratitude the Glen Cove Administrative Commission.

Summary Minutes

The Shepherding Council met on April 20, 2026, from 12-2:30 PM in person and on Zoom.

Present: Ellen Gove (Moderator), Kate Jones Calone, Marilyn Fox (Zoom), Jee Ho Choi (Zoom), Matthew Means, Stephen D. Adkison, Charlaine Aspel (Treasurer), Rachel Vione, Gloria Johnson, Magalene McClarrin, Emily Fowler, Richard Schneider, Barbara D'Andrea, Robert King (Zoom)

The meeting opened with prayer and a devotion led by Ellen Gove.

The Council read together the Presbytery's Mission Statement:

**Guided by the Spirit,
Our Presbytery follows Christ
by partnering with
congregations, communities, and individuals
to embody God's inclusive love and justice
in an ever-changing world.**

MSP: Approve minutes from March 9, 2026.

Order of the Day: The Council met with Rev. Iftikhar Bhatti and three members of the Valley Stream South Asian Fellowship. Rev. Jeff Prey, Moderator of the Valley Stream Administrative Commission, joined by Zoom. **MSP: to concur with the recommendation of the Administrative Commission to the presbytery that the Valley Stream South Asian Fellowship be chartered as a congregation of the PC(USA) under the name "Valley Stream Community Presbyterian Church" and take the necessary steps to incorporate in New York State.**

The Council discussed the following additional items:

- The need for two people for the presbytery's Nominating Committee.
- **MSP: to approve a request from the Cuba Partners and FPC East Hampton for \$6000 in funds, taken from the Outreach line, to install solar panels on the manse for our partner congregation in Guines.**
- A report from the presbytery-wide trip to the U.S.-Mexico border
- Report from the Treasurer of the presbytery:
 - **MSP: move \$50,000 from Shepherding line (1101) to the Salary Supplement line (1209).**
- Received reports from standing committees, teams, and administrative commissions.
 - Received a report from the Associate Presbyter Search Committee.

- **MSP: to receive the report of the Garden City Administrative Commission and recommend to the presbytery that the Garden City Administrative Commission be dissolved.**
- **MSP: to forgive the attorney fees debt of the Garden City Presbyterian Church.**
- **MSP: to forgive the manse renovation debt of the Garden City Presbyterian Church.**
- **MSP: to recommend to the presbytery that the Glen Cove Administrative Commission be dissolved.**
- Discussed ongoing conversations with leaders from Central Presbyterian Church, Huntington.

The Shepherding Council met on March 9, 2026, from 12-2 PM in person and on Zoom.

Present: Ellen Gove (Moderator), Kate Jones Calone, Marilyn Fox, Jee Ho Choi, Matthew Means, Stephen D. Adkison, Charlaine Aspel (Treasurer), Rachel Vione, Glorya Johnson (Zoom), Magalene McClarrin (Zoom), Emily Fowler (Zoom), John Kerr (Zoom)

The meeting opened with prayer and a devotion led by Ellen Gove.

The Council read together the Presbytery's Mission Statement:

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MSP: Approve minutes from January 12, 2026.

The Council discussed the following items:

- \$500 grants made to food pantries housed at our churches.
- The need for two people for the presbytery's Nominating Committee.
- Finalizing the members of the Associate Presbyterian search committee:
 - **MSP: approve Sharmin Ramnarine (Brentwood), at-large.**
 - **MSP: approve Rev. Emily Fowler (Port Jeff), Shepherding Council.**
 - The fully constituted members of the search committee are: Rev. Rachel Vione (Northport), Rev. Emily Fowler (Port Jeff), Elder Donald Adams (Selden), Elder Frank Sansone (Melville), Elder Sharmin Ramnarine (Brentwood)
- **MSP: reviewed with no updates the presbytery's Sexual Misconduct, Child/Youth/Vulnerable Adults, Antiracism, and Harassment policies**
- **MSP: donate funds held by the Presbyterian Foundation to the nationwide Presbyterian Women if there are no other options for use by the presbytery**
- Money for mediation support to be taken from Shepherding
- Future update of the gracious dismissal policy
- Report from the Treasurer of the presbytery:
 - Closed the Capital One account and moved money to Chase
 - Renamed Candidate Grants/Loans to Candidate and Pastor Care Fund
 - Proceeds from the sale of the Valley Stream manse will be used to pay the outstanding PILP loans of the former Valley Stream Presbyterian Church
 - Our presbytery is participating in the PCUSA's funding model experiment, in the "percentage arm."
- Received reports from standing committees, teams, and Administrative Commissions.
- RE Shavonne Smith (Shinnecock) has asked to be excused from serving as a GA commissioner. Alternate commissioner to be asked to attend.
- Received report of the New Church and Fellowship Development visioning group, which proposed draft New Worshipping Community Guidelines. **MSP: to recommend the draft guidelines to the presbytery for approval.**
- The meeting closed with prayer.

GUIDELINES FOR NEW WORSHIPPING COMMUNITIES

PRESBYTERY OF LONG ISLAND

Draft February 2026

The mission statement of our presbytery is:

**Guided by the Spirit,
Our Presbytery follows Christ
by partnering with
congregations, communities, and individuals
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in an ever-changing world.**

As we seek to live into our mission, the Great Commission's call to proclaim the good news of the gospel to all people (Matthew 28:18-20), and a belief in God's abundant provision for expansive ministry, the Presbytery of Long Island intentionally invests energy and resources in the creative, risky, and joy-filled work of bringing New Worshiping Communities (NWCs) to life. Therefore, our presbytery will continue its commitment to:

- Develop intentional strategies for supporting communities of faith in a variety of contexts and forms
- Listen to and be led by the needs of people and communities
- Support innovative designs for ministry that will be an effective partnership in meeting those needs
- Identify and overcome the barriers within our presbytery to ministry in diverse cultural contexts
- Offer a home to immigrant worshiping communities in the Reformed tradition
- Provide flexibility in developing mutually-agreed upon commitments based on realistic expectations, being open to new ways of measuring success
- Engage in proactive nurture, preparation, and ongoing training of pastoral and lay leaders, including Commissioned Ruling Elders (CREs)
- Cultivate among the churches of our presbytery an innovative missional climate which values Spirit-led creativity, openness, and vision

"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them." (Matt. 18:20)

These Guidelines may be revised as needed by the Shepherding Council, with a report of any revisions to the presbytery at its next Stated Meeting.

What is a New Worshiping Community?¹

A New Worshiping Community is...

New

- Seeking to make and form new disciples of Jesus Christ
NWCs witness in word and deed (1 John 3:18), continuing Jesus' own mission of discipling, feeding, teaching, healing, welcoming, crossing boundaries, and proclaiming God's coming realm. Those with new and renewed faith join the Spirit's transforming work in the world.
- Taking on varied forms of church for our changing culture
Living out the Gospel demands ministry which engages today's cultures (John 1:14). New ways of joining Christians together for contextual ministry will use current and historic ways of "being church" as springboards for creative innovation (Matt. 9:17).

Worshiping

- Gathered by the Spirit to meet Jesus Christ
We seek to hear, come to believe, and are equipped to live the promises of God revealed in the scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.
- Sent by the Spirit to join God's mission for the transformation of the world
The Spirit impels us outward, so that worshipers participate in the redemption of the world in Christ (Col. 1:20). Therefore, the primary beneficiaries of the NWC are not its own members, but rather its community and world.

Community

- Practicing mutual care and accountability
We commit ourselves to love one another (John 13:34) in relationships of mutual care and accountability, as faithful disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ. Entrusting ourselves and the church to the Holy Spirit, we seek to grow to maturity in faith and life.
- Developing sustainability in leadership and finances
As distinct yet connected expressions of the body of Christ, NWCs have local leadership arising from their own community of faith (Exodus 18:21). Pastoral leadership, facilities, and programs are all appropriately structured in order to demonstrate good and faithful stewardship.

Responding to Christ's gift and call, we do all these things only by God's grace, seeking—above all else—to glorify God through Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit.

Presbytery Structure and Support

¹ Our presbytery is intentionally shifting our language from "New Church and Fellowship Development" to "New Worshiping Communities"—consistent with the larger denomination's recognition that NWCs can take many forms. These definitions come from the Presbyterian Church (USA)'s 1001 New Worshiping Communities.

New Worshiping Communities (NWC) Team

Appointed by and accountable to the Shepherding Council, the NWC Team will guide and care for any leaders, congregations, or communities seeking to partner with our presbytery in forming or sustaining a new worshiping community (including immigrant worshiping communities seeking a denominational home in the Reformed tradition). The NWC Team must include at least three persons, including at least one ruling elder of a congregation in the presbytery and one minister member of the presbytery. Leaders of existing NWCs are not members of the NWC Team but may participate in meetings of the NWC Team.

Shepherding Council

The Shepherding Council will receive reports from the NWC Team, discern how a proposed NWC meets the mission priorities of our presbytery, allocate and approve any financial expenditures for the creation or sustaining of NWCs, and recommend to the presbytery any action necessary to initiate an NWC or charter an NWC as a congregation.

Commission on Ministry

To foster institutional connection and accountability for both the pastoral and lay leaders of an NWC, the Committee on Ministry will provide a liaison to any worshiping community formally supported, organized, or shepherded by our presbytery; provide guidance for pastoral compensation; address (in collaboration with the Committee on Preparation for Ministry, as needed) any questions around presbytery membership, clergy/CRE credentialing, or approval for administering the sacraments; and ensure that pastoral leaders comply with the policies and trainings required by the presbytery.

Getting Started

A proposed New Worshiping Community begins a conversation with the NWC Team. That initial conversation should explore:

- (a) The vision for the NWC
- (b) The leaders committed to planting, growing, and nurturing the vision
- (c) Where the NWC will take root (whether a physical or virtual location)
- (d) The needs of the community in which the NWC will gather
- (e) The resource needs of the NWC
- (f) An introduction to the *Starting New Worshiping Communities* guide from the PC(USA):
https://pcusa.org/sites/default/files/SNWC_0.pdf

A proposed NWC must demonstrate a commitment to the following core values:

- NWCs have as their chief purpose the development of new disciples of Christ (**disciple-making**)
- An NWC offers a ministry that is shaped to reach a particular community (**contextual**)
- An NWC offers vibrant, culturally-relevant worship (**worshipping**)
- The participants in an NWC seek to grow spiritually and numerically each year (**propagating**)

- Both the leader and the NWC participants are actively engaged in ministry within the community (**engaged**)
- The NWC provides a variety of opportunities for discipleship, spiritual growth, and the formation of leaders (**formation**)
- NWCs will develop strategies for sustainability (**sustainable**)
- NWCs are connected with the wider church through a congregation or presbytery in a relationship that includes care and accountability (**connectional**)
- NWCs will pursue just relationships within their community and in the world (**just**)

If the NWC Team discerns that the proposed NWC should be recommended to the Shepherding Council, it will work with the NWC leader(s) to develop a draft covenant between the NWC and the Presbytery, for review by the Shepherding Council and approval by the Presbytery. While each covenant will reflect the unique circumstances, context, and needs of the NWC, the covenant must include:

1. A commitment to pray for the NWC and its leaders.
2. Intentional steps to welcome the NWC into the life of the presbytery.
3. A plan for the worship life of the NWC, including the sacraments.
4. A commitment by the NWC leaders to work through the process outlined in the *Starting New Worshiping Communities* guide from the PC(USA), and a timeline for that process with clear benchmarks.
5. A commitment from the presbytery to facilitate and support the NWC's connection to the larger church, including resources of the Synod of the Northeast, 1001 Worshiping Communities, and other entities of the denomination.
6. The creation of a "leadership and governance" group that includes representation from the presbytery (depending on the context, this could take the shape of a commission, a task force, a partnership with an existing congregation, or some other configuration that formalizes the partnership).
7. The status of the NWC leader in the presbytery and an articulation of when/how the NWC would have representative voice or vote in the presbytery.
8. A commitment by the NWC leader to attend designated leadership development opportunities outlined by the NWC Team, to meet regularly with the NWC Team, and to be involved in the life of the presbytery.
9. Expectations for regular reporting to the presbytery of both missional development and budgets.
10. A clear articulation of the resource commitments of the presbytery (including funding, training, and any other support) and the timeline for the duration of those commitments.
11. A plan for providing insurance, financial accounting, bank accounts, and other essential functions.

The NWC Team will have sample covenants that can help shape the particular covenant for each NWC. While each covenant should be developed for the particular NWC, the NWC Team should ensure that covenants are generally consistent and equitable across the presbytery.

What Comes Next

The NWC Team will meet at least quarterly with the NWC's leadership and governance group to pray with and for the NWC community, review the covenant, assess progress in following the *Starting New Worshiping Communities* guide and other established benchmarks, and determine what support and resources are needed by the NWC. If the NWC or its leader(s) have not been able, for whatever reason, to meet the covenanted expectations, the NWC Team may recommend to the Shepherding Council that the ministry not be continued.

Not every NWC will become a chartered PC(USA) congregation, but each NWC is expected to become a self-sustaining worshiping community within five years of the approval of its initial covenant (apart from the financial and other resources that are available to all congregations in the presbytery). After three years of existence, the NWC Team will have a specific consultation with the NWC to check in about sustainability and to provide guidance and resources, as needed, toward building the capacity of the NWC for sustainability. The Shepherding Council, guided by the NWC Team, may determine that some ongoing financial support for an NWC is consistent with a broader mission of the presbytery (e.g., supporting under-resourced immigrant communities, generating avenues for the spiritual development of youth and young adults, etc.).

Our presbytery celebrates a mixed ecology of new initiatives, experimentation, and ministries that create communities of disciples "for such a time as this," recognizing that some ministries will develop deep and sustaining roots, some ministries will plant seeds that grow in unanticipated ways, and some ministries will be planted for only a season. All of these outcomes are meaningful and a gift from God.

Therefore, this policy does not outline one linear path for NWCs, but instead offers some basic parameters and values that are intended to be shaped in relationship by establishing transparency, accountability, regular communication, and clear mutual expectations.

If an NWC does, together with the presbytery, feel ready to organize as a chartered congregation of the PC(USA), these steps must be met:

1. The NWC has been worshiping regularly for at least one year.
2. The number of people participating in the life of the NWC is adequate to sustain 75% of the budget.
3. A pastoral leader has been in place for at least one year.
4. Potential elders have been trained in leadership and church governance.
5. The NWC's leadership and governance plan has been consistently followed, with regular meetings and reporting to the presbytery.
6. The NWC has insurance coverage, a bank account, and appropriate record-keeping of giving, income, and expenses.
7. Financial procedures are in place and operating effectively, with appropriate accountability measures.
8. The NWC has adopted a budget that includes the payment of per capita.

9. The pastoral leader has complied with all training requirements of the presbytery.
10. The NWC has developed a compensation package for its pastoral leader with the Commission on Ministry (COM) and the pastoral call has been approved by the COM.
11. NWC shows evidence of consistently setting and reaching benchmarks.
12. Bylaws have been written, reviewed by the NWC Team, and approved by the Shepherding Council.
13. Policies required by the Book of Order and/or the presbytery have been adopted.
14. A PIN number has been obtained from the PC(USA).
15. The NWC has elected and trained elders and officers, including a Clerk of Session and a Treasurer.
16. The NWC has in place a process for keeping minutes of session and congregational meetings.
17. The congregation has obtained an EIN number from the IRS and met other incorporation requirements.

Enduring Witness Report to Presbytery
Presbytery of Long Island Stated Meeting May 2, 2026 - Cutchogue

In calendar year 2026, Enduring Witness has so far distributed 10 grants, totaling \$223,595. In total, we approved the following:

- Baldwin - \$25,000 for upgraded sound/streaming system
- Brentwood - \$33,620 for heating and ventilation system replacement and repair
- Community, Deer Park - \$6,500 for creating a community room for youth
- Community, Deer Park - \$3,500 for holding a craft fair
- Freeport - \$10,000 for parking lot repaving
- Northport - \$30,000 for theater improvements
- Old South Haven - \$28,975 for parking lot repaving
- Old First, Huntington - \$35,000 for gym upgrades
- South Asian Presbyterian Fellowship - \$11,000 for legal fees related to incorporation as a congregation
- Southold - \$40,000 for repairs and renovations to the classroom building

The committee has rejected two applications this year. There are 10 applications currently in review, totaling \$250,334.00.

For 2026, Enduring Witness has \$514,136 available for spending. Enduring Witness has also committed to funding 50% of the new Presbytery position for the next three years. The staff person is expected to be a resource to congregations in much the same way this committee is.

Grants will be awarded on a rolling basis. Applications received after November 1 will be evaluated in 2027.

HOW TO APPLY:

The application is on the Resource page of the Presbytery website or directly at <https://presbyteryofli.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/05/Enduring-Witness-Grant-Application.docx>. This SIMPLE form of only a few questions is all you need to get the process started. Once it's submitted, members of Enduring Witness will contact you to have a conversation about your application.