

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.



Connectional NEXUS - April 2026

Our Presbytery

2026 Clerk of Session Brunch and Minute Reading



Eastend Minutes Reading



Please join us at our 2nd Stated Meeting in 2026 of the Presbytery of Long Island

Saturday, May 2, 2026, 9:30 AM

*[Cutchoque Presbyterian Church](#)
[27245 Main Rd, Cutchoque, NY 11935](#)*

In-Person Only*

Sign-in begins at 9:00 AM.

Join us as we do God's work together and listen for the Spirit's Call to the Presbytery of Long Island!

Has your session elected your elder commissioner(s) yet? Be sure your congregation has a voice at the meeting! Churches seeking an excused absence for their elder or pastor must email laurie@presbyteryofli.org.

Registration Required

The Presbytery Meeting Packet will be emailed by midday Wednesday, April 29, 2026, or can be downloaded from the PLI website.

Highlights On The Docket:

- Worship led by our moderator, Rev. Rachel Vione
- Commissioning of our 227th GA Commissioners & Young Adult Advisory Delegate
- Honoring the retirements of:
Rev. Peter Kelley - First Presbyterian Church, Southold
Rev. William Hoffman - Montauk Community Church
- Examination of Candidate for Ordination Stephanie Castlen (FPC Smithtown)
- Matthew 25 Moment: Report from trips to Cuba and the U.S.-Mexico border
- Approving Guidelines for New Worshiping Communities
- and more...

Get to Know Our Moderator

Rev. Rachel Vione began her ministry at the First Presbyterian Church of Northport in August of 2013 as the Director of Children, Youth and Family Ministries. She was ordained at FPC on March 1, 2015 (in a snowstorm)! and became our Assistant Pastor for Children, Youth and Families. In August of 2016, Rachel became our Interim Pastor. In November of 2020, the congregation voted to call Rev. Rachel Vione as the next Installed Pastor and Head of Staff. After a successful career in the business world in New York City, Rachel attended Princeton Theological Seminary where she graduated with a Master of Divinity and received awards for excellence in both preaching and homiletics. Rachel is originally from the Midwest, is a huge sports fan and loves to cheer on her favorite Chicago sports teams. (Go Bears!) Rachel and Joe raised their two children (now adults) in Garden City and moved to Northport in 2023.



2026 Presbytery Meetings

Tuesday, September 15, 2026 @ 10:00 AM
Sisters of St. Joseph Campus, Brentwood
Saturday, November 21, 2026 @ 9:00 AM
Huntington Old First



Elder & Deacon Training 2026



Elder & Deacon Joint Training - Zoom

Elders and Deacons are invited to a presbytery-wide training on Zoom for leaders in the church. Whether you have been an elder or deacon many times before or this is your first time serving, this gathering will be an opportunity to share across our congregations about the call to ordained leadership and the joys and responsibilities of these offices. Register below for the link!

Monday, April 20 - 7:00-9:00 pm - [Register here](#)

Join in prayer across our presbytery

Presbytery of Long Island
Mid-Week Pause for Prayer

Every Wednesday, 6:30-7:00 PM,
on Zoom

Please join together across our presbytery for a time of prayer for our needs, our congregations, our nation, and our world. Gently facilitated by past-Moderator Elder Don Adams, this brief gathering on Zoom will offer weekly connection and a space to gather our prayers as we seek God's guidance during challenging days. All are welcome.



[Click here to join the Zoom](#)

Meeting ID: 899 9412 3794

Passcode: 575901

Creation of an Immigration Emergency Fund

Our Presbytery's Immigration Task Force and the Shepherding Council invite congregations to contribute to a fund that will provide financial support for the legal and other costs of families in our congregations who are impacted by immigration actions or deportation. Recipients would be referred by a congregation in our presbytery and must have a relationship with the congregation. Any financial assistance will be approved by the Moderator team. *Individual or church contributions can be sent via check made out to the "Presbytery of Long Island" with "immigration emergency fund" in the memo and sent to Presbytery of Long Island, 109 Udall Rd., West Islip, NY 11795.*

Events & Notices from Our Churches

Promote Your Next Church Event Here

Please send:

Event Name/Dates/Church/PDF flyer or link
to laurie@presbyteryofli.org



[Click on the event for more information!](#)

New Hyde Park: [Food Fun & Fellowship - Sun. April 19](#)



Food Pantries in Our Presbytery

As food pantries are working to meet increased need in their communities, we ask churches in our presbytery to consider offering additional support to congregations that host food pantries. [Click here](#) for a list of pantries in our presbytery.

Local Events

Annual Confirmation Retreat Program

is April 24 - 25. Join us for 'Claiming a Faith of Your Own' led by Rev. Tim Coombs of Trinity Presbyterian Church (Scotia, NY.) Explore faith and fellowship with youth from

across NYC, Long Island, and the Hudson Valley. This program is designed to serve youth confirmation classes and their adult leaders. Enjoy this scenic location, comfortable lodging and delicious meals while participating in a fabulous program. **To register your class, Pastors and Confirmation Leaders should contact Holmes@holmescamp.org to set up your registration.** Deadline to Register is Friday, April 17th. **Here for pricing and more information** or call 845.878.6383 ext 1. [Click Here for Flyer](#)



Holmes Camp
& Retreat Center

Synod of The Northeast



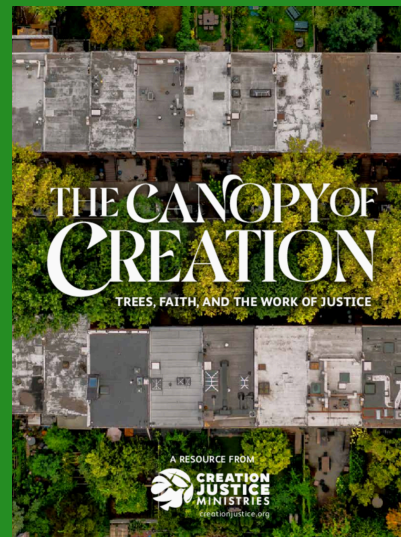
Formed for This Moment: Public Witness in a Season of Social Unrest

You Are Invited to Join the Synod Mission and Ministries Commission
For a Special Training Event
April 24 from 1:30 – 5:00 p.m.
First Presbyterian Church
150 East Palisade Avenue,
Englewood, NJ 07631 [More Information](#)

PC(USA)

Earth Day Sunday Creation Justice Ministries' 2026 Resource - Canopy of Creation: Trees, Faith, and the Work of Justice

The theme of the annual resource from Creation Justice Ministries is "The Canopy of Creation." If you love trees, this resource is for you. If you're ready to let that love widen into justice — into shade shared, healing offered, and neighborhoods made more whole — come on in. Let's grow a canopy of creation together.



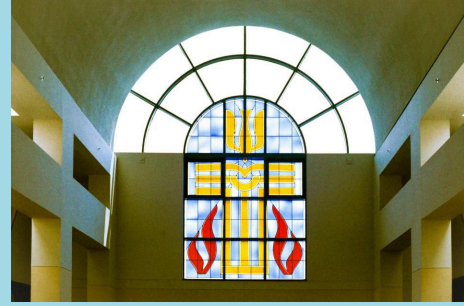
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What's in a name?

The Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) has announced a new name for its Interim Unified Agency: Presbyterian Life & Witness.

Approved by the Unification Commission, the name reflects the agency's mission to serve God's work in the world while uniting key ministries under one identity. Leaders emphasized clarity of purpose and connection across the church's work while continuing recognizable ministries during the transition.

This change marks an important step toward a more unified and mission-focused future.



[Read More](#)

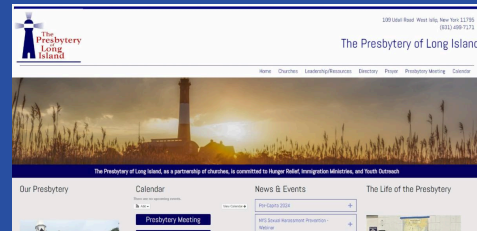


The **227th General Assembly of the PC(USA)** will be held in **Milwaukee in 2026**. Learn more by reading the latest issue of GA227's March "On the Road to GA / Issue 9 " **Open Issue**

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