

# COMMITTEE ON MINISTRY REPORT

September, 2015

- A. If the way be clear, the Committee recommends that, following examination, Rev. Chuck Holm (Honorably Retired) be received as a member of Monmouth Presbytery upon transfer from Palisades Presbytery. Rev. Holm recently relocated to Manchester, NJ. His Statement of Faith, Biography and PIF are attached for review.
- B. If the way be clear, the Committee recommends to Presbytery approval of the request for transfer of Reverend Courtney Cromie to Donegal Presbytery, effective immediately.
- C. The Committee reports to Presbytery that, grateful for Cindy's ministry within Monmouth and among us and sorry to see her leave, COM took action and by eVote on July 26, 2015 passed the following motion: "The Committee on Ministry of Monmouth Presbytery, acting as the Presbytery, approves the transfer of Reverend Cynthia Bowman to the Presbytery of Elizabeth, effective immediately."
- D. The Committee reports to Presbytery, that acting as the Presbytery, COM took action and by eVote on August 27, 2015 passed the following motion: "The Committee on Ministry of Monmouth Presbytery, acting as the Presbytery, approves the membership of this Administrative Commission for the purpose of installing Reverend Diane Ford as Teaching Elder to Lincroft Presbyterian Church. Installation will occur on September 27th, 2015 at 4:30 pm."

#### Teaching Elders:

Rev. Jeffrey Cochran Carney, South Amboy

Rev. Joe Heinz, Westminster

Rev. Wendy Bailey, General Presbyter

#### Ruling Elders:

Elder Bill Faust, Red Bank

Elder John Pillarella, Westminster

Elder Sue Hartman, Lincroft PC

Elder Thad Livingston, Jacksonville

#### Other PC(USA) pastors from neighboring New Jersey presbyteries

Rev. Ron DeGroot, Calvary PC, Florham Park, NJ (Guest preacher)

Rev. Cynthia Cochran Carney (Charge to pastor)

Rev. Elaine Connelly (Charge to congregation)

- E. The Committee reports to Presbytery that COM took action and by eVote on August 28, 2015 passed the following motion: "The Committee on Ministry of Monmouth Presbytery, approves adding Reverend Marie Branigan, to the Pulpit Supply list, effective immediately." Rev. Branigan is presently a member of West Jersey Presbytery and completed service as an Interim Pastor in West Jersey at the end of May. She is seeking her next position in

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Interim/Transitional ministry and lives in Robbinsville NJ, which puts her on the western border of Monmouth Presbytery and within easy reach of many of its congregations.

- F. The Committee reports to Presbytery, that acting as the Presbytery, COM took action and by eVote on September 07, 2015 the Committee approved the contract between the Rev. Dr. Nancy Conklin and the Session of the First Presbyterian Church of Freehold for interim pastoral services beginning September 7, 2015 for a period of one year. The following Terms of Call are reported:

|                                  |          |                        |         |
|----------------------------------|----------|------------------------|---------|
| Salary                           | \$45,500 | Social Security Offset | \$5,202 |
| Housing Allowance                | \$19,500 | Mileage (Vouchered)    | \$1,500 |
| Medical                          | \$16,600 | Study Leave            | \$500   |
| Pension                          | \$7,480  | Employer 403(b)        | \$3,000 |
| Medical Deductible Reimbursement | \$650    |                        |         |
| Vacation                         | 1 Month  | Study Leave            | 2 Weeks |

- G. The Committee took action on September, 22, 2015 and reports to the Presbytery that, effective immediately, Reverend Kathleen Jamhoury is appointed moderator to the New Gretna Presbyterian Church.

- H. The Committee took action on September, 22, 2015 and reports to the Presbytery that, if the way be clear (i.e., approval of membership in Monmouth Presbytery), the Committee approves adding Reverend Charles Holm to the Presbytery’s Pulpit Supply list.

Respectfully submitted,



Thad Livingston  
Moderator, COM

## **FIVE PEACEMAKING AFFIRMATIONS FOR PRESBYTERY DELIBERATION**

As part of the process of peace discernment begun by the General Assembly in 2010, then following 9 years of war in Afghanistan and Iraq, the 221<sup>st</sup> General Assembly (2014) approved five affirmations for discussion, debate, and voting in the presbyteries. These affirmations were derived from work by 65 presbytery and congregational study groups and two consultations, one with seminary ethicists and one with Presbyterian college and university faculty, campus ministers and chaplains, and students.

This brief document contains the key action of the General Assembly and summarizes the background rationales for each of the five affirmations. The goal is to make this process as inviting as possible for presbytery discussion and voting. For those interested, the full set of study material is posted online: <http://pc-biz.org/Explorer.aspx?id=4795> and is also available from the Presbyterian Peacemaking Program. Presbyteries may wish to schedule information sessions on the affirmations before they vote, or may simply distribute this resource and announce the voting in advance.

Here is the action of the Assembly:

**"Process of Discernment for Presbyteries: As the next stage in a six-year process of discernment, the 221st General Assembly (2014) of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) directs the Stated Clerk to send to each presbytery, electronically and in print, the following five affirmations and supporting rationale with the request that they discuss and take an advisory vote on each affirmation and send the results of those votes, along with a summary of the floor discussion, back to the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy by July 1, 2015, to help guide the preparation of a report on peacemaking directions for the 222nd General Assembly (2016).**

**"The affirmations for churchwide discussion and advisory vote:**

- "1. We affirm that peacemaking is essential to our faith in God's reconciling work in Jesus Christ, whose love and justice challenge hatred and conflict, and whose call gives our church a mission to present alternatives to violence, fear, and misused power.**
- "2. We confess our complicity in the world's violence even as we pray for the Spirit's courage to "unmask idolatries," to speak truth about war and oppression, to stand with those who suffer, and to respond to acts and threats of violence with ministries of justice, healing, and reconciliation.**
- "3. We reclaim the power and authority of Jesus Christ, Prince of Peace and Reconciler, who proclaims God's reign, who inspires the prophetic church, [by] forgiving, healing, and undoing violence, and who overcomes evil through the cross and resurrection.**
- "4. We seek to understand the nonviolent revolutions and armed struggles of our time by drawing on the traditions of Christian pacifism, just war, just peacemaking and active nonviolence, and by cultivating moral imagination through prayer, study, and engagement with friends and enemies. Even as we actively engage in a peace discernment process, we affirm our responsibility of continuing the long tradition of support by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) for our sisters and brothers who serve in the U.S. military, veterans, and their families.**
- "5. As disciples of Jesus Christ, we commit ourselves earnestly to seek and promote loving, nonviolent responses to conflict in our daily lives, in our communities, and in our world, to risk calling our nation back from the practices of empire to the highest ideals of our heritage, and to practice boldly the things that make for peace."**

**THEOLOGICAL BASIS:** The title of the full General Assembly report is “Risking Peace in a Violent World.” It invokes both the Brief Statement of Faith, acknowledging not only a “broken and fearful world,” but a violent one, and the Confession of 1967’s prophetic phrase, “This search [for peace] requires that the nations pursue fresh and responsible relations across every line of conflict, even at the risk to national security, to reduce areas of strife and to broaden international understanding” (*Book of Confessions*, 9.45). Each explanatory section includes Biblical, ethical, and historical analysis.

“Peace discernment” is the name given to a 6-yr. process of updating the peacemaking vision of the Presbyterian Church (USA). The process was initiated by seven presbytery overtures on the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Peacemaking: The Believers’ Calling* (1980). A Steering Team was charged with a twofold mandate to “seek clarity as to God’s call to the church regarding nonviolence as our fundamental response to the challenges of violence, terror, and war,” and to examine “ministries of peacemaking and justice-seeking that honor the Gospel, the history of the church, and the movement of the Holy Spirit...” to develop recommendations for new policy and action (*Minutes*, 2010, p. 69). The study document, *Encountering the Gospel of Peace Anew*, contained questions to explore not simply the effectiveness of the church’s peacemaking work and its threefold offering, but the basic nature and scope of the Gospel’s mandate for peacemaking. (<http://www.presbyterianmission.org/ministries/peacemaking/peace-discernment/> )

**STATUS OF THE AFFIRMATIONS AND POSSIBLE MODIFICATIONS:** The affirmations clearly build on each other, but presbyteries can decide whether to consider the five as a set or vote on them individually to assess the degree to which they may, or may not, represent that presbytery’s views. The five proposed affirmations honor the range of viewpoints within the church while testing new directions; *they are not statements of policy but propositions for serious debate*. We respectfully ask presbyteries to make time on their busy dockets to consider the affirmations.

Our Presbyterian process values differences of opinion as efforts to speak the truth in love under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Voting is part of the work of the body to build consensus over time, and Presbyterians do not usually see unanimity or total agreement as necessary for decision. We take corporate stands, believing that the church as a body should not be silent, *and* at the same time we affirm that “God alone is Lord of the conscience...,” making space for dissent. It is for those reasons we would like to see the vote tallies, but it is up to each presbytery to determine how to report, and some may wish to approve their own affirmations or amend the ones presented here. If a presbytery develops one or more affirmations of its own, we would appreciate a brief statement of rationale to explain the position or amendment. For example, if a presbytery thinks that “Christian pacifism” conflicts with the line about supporting the military—both added by the General Assembly—it could add, subtract, or move its own viewpoint.

The wording of this summary background piece draws freely on the language of the full report and all sources quoted are documented in the online footnotes. Leaders of presbytery discussions are urged to be familiar with the cases made in each section.

### **1. Summary of Rationale for First Affirmation:**

This affirmation would support the understanding in *Peacemaking: The Believers' Calling* that working for peace is not only an individual matter (such as conscientious objection) but a call of the whole Christian community, including those opposed to all war and violence and those who use categories of the "Just War" or justifiable war tradition. Former chief of chaplains, Kermit Johnson, in opposing nuclear warfare, writes, "Like pacifism, it [Just War] is rooted in the commandment: 'Thou shalt not kill.' It is a presumption against violence, 'the presumption in favor of peace and against war.'" Thus faithful Presbyterians may differ on whether there can be justified force, whether war is inevitable, and what the range from policing to maintain social peace to organized military campaigns may be. The point is: it is our responsibility to deal with these questions. Further, it is not enough to repeat old answers, but it is important to know what they have been. For example, strong majorities of the PCUSA presbyteries in 1936 and 1938 voted to remove Just War language from the Westminster Confession, though not attaining the supermajority necessary for constitutional change. This voting process recalls those votes prior to the adoption of *The Book of Confessions*. The full rationale section itself summarizes alternatives to violence and war in General Assembly social witness policy, particularly since WWII, and notes the support of more than 50% of PCUSA congregations for The Commitment to Peacemaking and the Peacemaking Offering at some point since 1980.

### **2. Summary of Rationale for Second Affirmation:**

This affirmation asks us to be "honest patriots," owning our responsibility for the horrific consequences of the Afghan and Iraq wars, while recognizing the ways that structural and cultural violence permeate our society and those of others. The emphasis here is on honestly counting the costs of what we have done, and in the spirit of the Brief Statement of Faith, to consider whether we have succumbed to idolatries in our efforts for security and justice. The final clause of this affirmation, which speaks of how to respond to violence, was added by the General Assembly and is given support in the background to affirmations four and five. The word, "complicity," has both conscious and unconscious dimensions, and recognizes how embedded we all are in social structures that include unjust relationships. Prophetic self-criticism, apology, and repentance are basic parts of Christian life. This affirmation applies those principles not only to the large scale and deliberate violence of war, but to the roots of war. Members of presbyteries may want to look at the definitions of violence and of "structural violence," or forms of oppression that can prompt violence or self-destructiveness. As a church in the United States, how do we stand before not only the peoples of the countries that have suffered so much more than we, but before the Lord of history? Does this affirmation help us so stand?

### **3. Summary of Rationale for Third Affirmation:**

This affirmation focuses on Jesus Christ in relation to war and violence and proposes a new emphasis for Reformed Christians, without denying our traditional linkage of the New Testament witness with Old (and some New) Testament justifications of force. This

affirmation says it is essential to look at how the words and example of Jesus cohere with the rest of the “Gospel of Peace,” and suggests more attention to the earliest centuries of the church when Christians had no public power and largely chose nonviolence. Stating clearly that our faith is not based on scholarly reconstructions of Jesus’ life—of which there are many—nonetheless the preponderance of scholarship supporting a nonviolent interpretation of Jesus’ ministry bears attention. This affirmation does not answer the specific question of how much peace or nonviolence were the goal or method of Jesus’ ministry, and does not try to fit Jesus into a programmatic script. Yet it would urge the church not to get too far away from his example, lest we be coopted too easily into war for reasons of state or economic interest.

#### **4. Summary of Rationale for Fourth Affirmation:**

This affirmation proposes that our church’s social and ethical teaching give more attention to the nonviolent techniques of social change that have been more productive than violence in a surprising number of cases. That list would include the fall of the Berlin wall and other nonviolent transitions in Eastern Europe, the nonviolent revolution in the Philippines, the painstaking achievement of peace in Northern Ireland, the dramatic transformation of South Africa, and the initial successes of the Arab Awakening. In these cases many non-pacifists chose nonviolent tactics for their effectiveness in mobilizing people. Clearly there have also been incredibly savage wars and instigated religious/ethnic tensions, with some countries funding forces in other countries as “proxies” for their interests. These point to the weakness of international diplomatic structures and difficulties of protecting minorities within countries, many of whom have become refugees. The General Assembly added a sentence that could apply to all five affirmations, expressing concern for those in the military and veterans, and also added the category of “Christian pacifism” as well as nonviolence as a force for social change. The import of this affirmation is to diversify further the alternatives to force available for the church.

#### **5. Summary of Rationale for Fifth Affirmation:**

As amended by the General Assembly, this affirmation emphasizes that nonviolent methods should be chosen first in our personal and corporate efforts to resolve or transform conflict, and that on the national level our country should pursue international relations based less on military superiority and unilateral force. The background rationale here looks at the differences between national interests and principles (such as respect for universal human rights); it challenges the practices of “empire” on practical and even “realist” grounds, emphasizing the “soft power” of ideals and example, particularly in facing new kinds of global crisis (such as environmental disaster). The rationale also provides a range of “things that make for peace:” truth and reconciliation commissions, interfaith cooperation, accompaniment and nonviolent intervention, increased teaching of peacemaking. Three illustrative examples are given in conclusion: the Reformed village of Le Chambon sheltering Jews during WWII, a personal witness that prevented a mass shooting, and an international agreement to remove chemical weapons from Syria in 2013. This affirmation, then, would seek alternatives to military violence at every level.

## MINUTES OF THE MISSION COUNCIL OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH

The meeting of the Mission Council of the Presbytery of Monmouth was called to order on Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:10 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, Freehold, New Jersey, with Moderator Ruling Elder William Faust presiding.

### ROLL OF ATTENDANCE

Moderator Ruling Elder William Faust P  
Vice Moderator The Rev. Gary Filson E  
Past Moderator The Rev. Jean Pinto E  
The Rev. Nancy Conklin 2016 P  
Ruling Elder Walter Vincent 2016 P  
Ruling Elder Patricia Apy 2017 P  
Ruling Elder Charlotte Alderfer, 2018 E  
The Rev. Dana Eglinton, 2018 P  
The Rev. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson, 2018 P  
Regional Presbyter The Rev. Wendy Bailey (without vote) P  
Stated Clerk The Rev. Carl Wilton (without vote) P  
(P=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused)

It was moved and carried to form the roll and approve the docket and to approve excused absences for the Mission Council members named above.

Moderator William Faust led the Mission Council in an opening prayer.

It was moved and carried to approve the minutes of the June 11, 2015 Mission Council meeting.

Mr. Faust reported on progress in drafting revised Presbytery standing rules.

Mr. Faust reported that the first training session for those making session visits was held earlier this day, with another training scheduled.

Ruling Elder Patricia Apy reported that the Cuba Working Group is planning a pre-Presbytery meeting in September, to which all Monmouth Presbyterians are invited.

General Presbyter the Rev. Wendy Bailey presented a draft Fundraising Policy for discussion, with respect to Presbytery working groups raising their own money. While the Mission Council will have ultimate oversight of fundraising activities, the general approach will be permission-giving rather than asking for a prior vote of approval.

The Stewardship Working Group is in the process of forming.

Stated Clerk the Rev. Carl Wilton presented a July 21, 2015 email from General Assembly Stated Clerk the Rev. Gradye Parsons, reminding the Presbytery of the General

Assembly's request for an advisory vote on five Peacemaking Affirmations that are being compiled by the Advisory Committee on Social Witness Policy for the use of the entire church. The deadline for Presbytery voting has been extended until the time of the next General Assembly.

It was moved and carried to refer the Five Peacemaking Affirmations for Presbytery Deliberation and accompanying rationale, endorsed by the 221st General Assembly for study and comment, to the Bills and Overtures Committee, for them to formulate a response and submit it to the Presbytery for vote.

Mr. Faust and Ms. Bailey reported on the Mission Insite service, a web-based interactive resource that enables congregations to access useful demographic information about their communities, as well as about their own members (once the congregation has uploaded their membership names and addresses to their account on the Mission Insite website). The information can be particularly useful to congregations in planning financial campaigns and developing new ministries that serve their communities.

It was moved and carried, if the way be clear, that up to \$3,200 be expended from the Mission Reserve Fund for one year of access to the Mission Insite service for all congregations of the Presbytery.

Ms. Apy will lead the Mission Council in an opening devotional at the next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m. with prayer by the Moderator.

The next meeting of the Mission Council will take place on Thursday, September 10, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, Freehold.

ATTEST:

The Rev. Carl Wilton, Stated Clerk

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MISSION COUNCIL OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH

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### ROLL OF ATTENDANCE

Moderator Ruling Elder William Faust P  
Vice Moderator The Rev. Gary Filson P  
Past Moderator The Rev. Jean Pinto P  
The Rev. Nancy Conklin 2016 E  
Ruling Elder Walter Vincent 2016 P  
Ruling Elder Patricia Apy 2017 P  
Ruling Elder Charlotte Alderfer, 2018 E  
The Rev. Dana Eglinton, 2018 P  
The Rev. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson, 2018 P  
Regional Presbyter The Rev. Wendy Bailey (without vote) P  
Stated Clerk The Rev. Carl Wilton (without vote) P  
(P=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused)

The Moderator opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved and carried to form the roll and approve the docket and to approve excused absences for the Mission Council members named above.

It was moved and carried to approve the minutes of the August 13, 2015 Mission Council meeting as corrected.

General Presbytery the Rev. Wendy Bailey informed the Mission Council about two multi-presbytery training events: a Coaching Skills Workshop for COM members on September 24 in Whippany, NJ and a Boundary Training Workshop on November 12 in Hightstown. She also shared a request from Mr. Tom Paradise, program director at Camp Johnsonburg, to speak at an upcoming Presbytery meeting.

Ruling Elder Walter Vincent shared a request from a representative of the American Red Cross to speak at a upcoming Presbytery meeting about opportunities for churches to help with emergency shelter needs.

Mr. Vincent also spoke of the upcoming PDA Care for the Caregivers workshops on September 25 in Bayville and September 27 in Point Pleasant, and the PDA Volunteer Recognition Dinner at Point Pleasant on September 26.

Ms. Bailey shared a report on the training events that have been conducted for those who will be making visits to sessions on behalf of the Presbytery.

Ms. Bailey reported on progress in discussions about Presbytery fundraising guidelines for Presbytery working groups.

It was moved and carried to approve the expenditure of up to \$1,000 from the Mission Fund to provide a mediator to assist the session of a particular church of the Presbytery to deal with a leadership issue.

There was discussion about ways churches can respond to the Syrian refugee crisis, in light of the likelihood that mission opportunities may be arising for churches to be involved with helping the significant numbers of refugees who will be coming to the United States in the future. Ruling Elder Patricia Apy will gather some information about this to report back in the future.

A task group of Wendy Bailey, Gary Filson, Jean Pinto and Carl Wilton will work on revising the proposed administrative manual (standing rules).

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. with prayer by the Rev. Jean Pinto.

The next meeting of the Mission Council will take place on Thursday, October 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm at the First Presbyterian Church, Freehold.

ATTEST:

The Rev. Carl Wilton, Stated Clerk

**Preliminary Minutes  
Trustees Meeting  
July 8, 2015**

Gathering

Present: Joe Kavalek, Gary Weiss, Scott Cupp, Eric Hess, Rick LaFevre,  
Theresa Swenson, Nancy Tindall,

Excused – John Milne, Carl Wilton, Sue Warren, Howard Dunbar and Bruce  
Thompson

Remote – Rob Wallman,

Quorum Declared

Opening Prayer

Scott Cupp

Approval of Agenda

Minutes from previous Meeting – MS-P to approve as submitted

Old Business

The policy on sale of property – MS – P as modified

Add a preamble: D-4.02 – Of Property

All property held by or for a congregation, a presbytery, a synod, the General Assembly, or the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.), whether legal title is lodged in a corporation, a trustee or trustees, or an unincorporated association, and whether the property is used in programs of a congregation or of a higher council or retained for the production of income, is held in trust nevertheless for the use and benefit of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). [*G-4.0203 Church Property Held in Trust*]

Under Exceptions – remove: “...and only when the proceeds would be lent to the Church, and paid back at a prevailing market rate of interest comparable to the earnings as if the funds were invested.”

**The insurance issues relating to PdP**

Mercer Insurance – settled for \$41,645.09

\$10,079.30 will be reimbursed from PdP

\$31,565.79 will be available to repair the furnace at PdP

Rob also working on a claim for vandalism of the manse – through United Fire -- may be covered though there may be a statute of limitations. Vandalism was not reported to the Police department. However, the township required broken windows to be covered and may be sufficient for the claim.

**The disposition of the manse at PdP**

Prospective buyer came back to check progress. Told her that we are not going to remove the oil tank and that her offer was not going to be accepted.

**Proceeds from insurance may be used to dismantle.** If there is money left over after the manse is dismantled what shall we do with those funds??

Hold off making a decision until a settlement is made by the Insurance Company.

Then, hold a joint conversation with COM to discuss the various issues that relate to the sale of the manse – and the financial status and their needs.

**The transfer of the title to PdP** – continues on hold until we are able to finish the work that needs to be done and can clarify all related issues

**The transfer of title for Cornerstone** – still no information. The deed has been signed by Nancy Tindall. Ocean County has not made the changes yet.

#### New Business

Who is the official attorney for the Presbytery? Nancy Tindall will ask the question of Wendy Bailey.

If Joel Davies is doing the work pro bono then perhaps we can provide him with a letter acknowledging his work – so that he can claim it for tax purposes.

**1<sup>st</sup> Lakewood Request to Rent out space** to a non-denominational church. They have gotten to the point of talking money and use of facilities: Sanctuary, Fellowship Hall and Kitchen. They will divide costs equally with Lakewood 1<sup>st</sup> for the space that is being used.

- contract is being generated
- Have a six month trial period built in

**MS-P** to recommend to Monmouth Presbytery to permit Lakewood 1<sup>st</sup> to enter in to a relationship with the United Deliverance Ministries to allow them to meet in their space, including worshiping in the sanctuary for a period of at least two years with a six month period of review built in to this agreement.

Closing Prayer

Theresa Swenson

Adjourn to September 9, 2015

Attest: N. Scott Cupp

Presbytery of Monmouth Docket  
 Tuesday, September 22, 2015  
 Westminster Presbyterian Church, 94 Tindall Road, Middletown, NJ 07748

|      |   |                            |
|------|---|----------------------------|
| 4:00 | Presbytery Convenes with Prayer   | Elder Bill Faust           |
| 4:05 | Opening Items of Business<br>Formation of the Roll & Brief Announcements<br>Approval of the Docket<br>Report of Arrangements<br>Report of the Stated Clerk & Correspondence | Elder Bill Faust           |
| 4:15 | Report of the Mission Council   | Rev. Gary Filson           |
| 4:20 | Nominating Committee  | Rev. Cynthia Ritter-Parker |
| 4:25 | Committee on Preparation for Ministry   | Rev. Merideth Mueller      |
| 4:30 | Report of the General Presbyter (Mission Insite)  | Rev. Wendy Bailey          |
| 5:15 | Small Group Discussion of Use of Insite Information   |                            |
| 5:15 | Meeting of COM  | Elder Thad Livingston      |
| 5:15 | Meeting of Cuba Working Group   | Elder Patricia Apy         |
| 5:45 | Presbytery Adjourns for Dinner  |                            |
| 6:45 | Presbytery Reconvenes with Prayer   | Elder Bill Faust           |
| 6:50 | Worship   |                            |
| 7:40 | Brief Announcements (Open Mike)   |                            |
| 7:45 | Presbytery Welcomes Tom Paradise – Johnsonburg Camp Director  |                            |
| 7:55 | Committee on Ministry   | Elder Thad Livingston      |
| 8:10 | Trustees  | Rev. N. Scott Cupp         |
| 8:15 | Bill & Overtures  | Rev. John Monroe           |
| 8:30 | Mission Working Group   | Rev. Dana Eglinton         |
| 8:35 | Miscellaneous, Un-docketed & Unfinished Business<br>Thanks Extended to Host Church, Motion to Adjourn   | Elder Bill Faust           |
| 8:40 | Closing Prayer  | Elder Bill Faust           |

Next Stated Meeting of the Presbytery: 9:30 am Saturday, November 21 at Presbyterian Church of Jamesburg

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH

A meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Monmouth was called to order on Wednesday, September 9, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the Old Tennent Presbyterian Church, Tennent, by the Rev. Scott Cupp, President. Mr. Cupp opened the meeting with prayer.

### ROLL OF ATTENDANCE

President - The Rev. N. Scott Cupp (2018,2) P

#### Members

Ruling Elder Joseph Kavalek (2017,1) P

Ruling Elder Rick LaFever (2016,1) p

Ruling Elder Eric Hess P (2017,1)

The Rev. Theresa Swenson (2018,1) P

Ruling Elder Bruce Thompson (2016,2) P

Ruling Elder Gary Weiss (2017,2) P

Ruling Elder Sue Warren (2016,1) P

Regional Presbyter, the Rev. Wendy Bailey E

Treasurer, Ruling Elder Nancy Tindall P

Financial Secretary, Ruling Elder Howard Dunbar P

Stated Clerk, the Rev. Carl Wilton P

(P=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused)

The Rev. John Milne, nominated but not yet elected, was in attendance as a guest.

The minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting were approved.

A buyer is interested in purchasing the manse on the Cliffwood Beach property. The municipality is requiring that two lots be combined in order to complete the sale.

It was moved and carried to recommend Presbytery approval of the offer of \$45,000 for the sale of lots 14 and 15 in block 342, Aberdeen Township, that comprise the Cliffwood Beach manse property, if the way be clear, with the Presbytery paying for the fees connected with the combination of the lots and the buyer being responsible for removing or stabilizing the underground fuel tank on the manse property.

It was moved and carried that the net proceeds from the sale of this property be retained by the Presbytery to partially cover the cost of soil remediation from the fuel spill on the sanctuary property. (The Presbytery has already invested approximately \$208,000 on property improvements and \$185,000 on soil remediation.)

It was moved and carried to call a special Trustees meeting for Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 pm, at the law office of Taff and Davies, Toms River, for the purpose of negotiating legal work for property sales and transfers related to the Cliffwood Beach and Jackson (Cornerstone) properties, as well as any other business that may come before the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. with prayer by Ruling Elder Joseph Kavalek. There will be a special meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 pm at the law offices of Taff and Davies, Toms River. The next stated meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10:00 am, at the Old Tennent Church.

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The Rev. John Milne, nominated but not yet elected, was in attendance as a guest.

The minutes of the July 8, 2015 meeting were approved.

A buyer is interested in purchasing the manse on the Cliffwood Beach property. The municipality is requiring that two lots be combined in order to complete the sale.

It was moved and carried to recommend Presbytery approval of the offer of \$45,000 for the sale of lots 14 and 15 in block 342, Aberdeen Township, that comprise the Cliffwood Beach manse property, if the way be clear, with the Presbytery paying for the fees connected with the combination of the lots and the buyer being responsible for removing or stabilizing the underground fuel tank on the manse property.

It was moved and carried that the net proceeds from the sale of this property be retained by the Presbytery to partially cover the cost of soil remediation from the fuel spill on the sanctuary property. (The Presbytery has already invested approximately \$208,000 on property improvements and \$185,000 on soil remediation.)

It was moved and carried to call a special Trustees meeting for Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 pm, at the law office of Taff and Davies, Toms River, for the purpose of negotiating legal work for property sales and transfers related to the Cliffwood Beach and Jackson (Cornerstone) properties, as well as any other business that may come before the Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:05 p.m. with prayer by Ruling Elder Joseph Kavalek. There will be a special meeting of the Board on Tuesday, September 15 at 1:00 pm at the law offices of Taff and Davies, Toms River. The next stated meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10:00 am, at the Old Tennent Church.

Attest:

The Rev. Carl Wilton, Stated Clerk

## DRAFT MINUTES OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PRESBYTERY OF MONMOUTH

A special meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Presbytery of Monmouth was called to order on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at 1:10 p.m. at the law offices of Taff & Davies, Toms River, by the Rev. N. Scott Cupp, President. Mr. Cupp opened the meeting with prayer.

### ROLL OF ATTENDANCE

President - The Rev. N. Scott Cupp (2018,2) P

#### Members

Ruling Elder Joseph Kavalek (2017,1) P

Ruling Elder Rick LaFever (2016,1) P

Ruling Elder Eric Hess (2017,1) P

The Rev. Theresa Swenson (2018,1) E

Ruling Elder Bruce Thompson (2016,2) P

Ruling Elder Gary Weiss (2017,2) E

Ruling Elder Sue Warren (2016,1) P

Regional Presbyter, the Rev. Wendy Bailey E

Treasurer, Ruling Elder Nancy Tindall E

Financial Secretary, Ruling Elder Howard Dunbar E

Stated Clerk, the Rev. Carl Wilton P

(P=Present; A=Absent; E=Excused)

The minutes of the September 9, 2015 meeting were approved.

The Board of Trustees met with Joel Davies, attorney, concerning the proposed sale of the Cliffwood Beach manse. Mr. Davies informed the Board of certain legal issues related to setback requirements that are likely to be raised by the zoning Board of Adjustment, at such time as the manse property would be subdivided.

It was moved and carried to rescind the Board's September 9<sup>th</sup> proposal to the Presbytery that the Manse property be sold and to recommend instead that the Manse building be demolished. The Principe de Paz congregation would then be able, at some future time, to expand the amount of parking they have available.

It was moved and carried to request the Aberdeen Township municipal authorities to remove the lot division lines within the church and manse property (lots 1, 2, 14 and 15), thereby creating a single lot.

It was moved and carried to request the Aberdeen Township municipal authorities to combine the two lots across the street (on block 242) into a single lot.

A motion to transfer the contiguous church and manse property to the Principe de Paz congregation will follow in the near future, following the demolition of the manse. The future disposition of the block 242 property across the street from the church remains under discussion and could possibly be sold by the Presbytery in the future, in order to

recoup some of the costs associated with remediating the fuel-oil spill near the church sanctuary.

It was moved and carried to recommend to the Presbytery that the Bayview Presbyterian Church of Cliffwood Beach be dissolved, and such records and financial resources as may be remaining be transferred to the Presbytery.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 pm with prayer by Mr. Cupp. The next stated meeting of the Board will take place on Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 10:00 am, at the Old Tennent Church.

Attest:

The Rev. Carl Wilton, Stated Clerk