

DRAFT 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 Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 9:35 am at the Jamesburg Presbyterian Church, with Moderator the Rev. Gary Filson presiding.

ROLL OF ATTENDANCE

Moderator The Rev. Gary Filson P

Vice Moderator Ruling Elder Sue Smith P

Past Moderator Ruling Elder William Faust P

Ruling Elder Patricia Apy, 2017,1 E

Ruling Elder Charlotte Alderfer, 2018,1 P

The Rev. Dana Eglinton, 2018,1 P

The Rev. Stephen Heinzl-Nelson, 2018,1 P

The Rev. Hannah Lovaglio, 2019,1 P

Ruling Elder Walter Vincent 2019,2 P

Stated Clerk The Rev. Carl Wilton (without vote) P

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

The Rev. Harold Delhagen, Synod Leader, was in attendance, as was David Specht of Specht Consulting and Coaching. Former Moderator the Rev. Jean Pinto was also in attendance.

The Moderator, the Rev. Gary Filson, opened the meeting with prayer.

It was moved and carried to approve the docket for the meeting.

After a time of Bible study and reflection focusing on Jeremiah 29:11 and Hebrews 11:1, the Mission Council spent time exploring the following questions: "What are presbyteries for?" and "How is our Presbytery doing?"

The Mission Council recessed for lunch, reconvening to consider the following business:

It was moved and carried to approve the minutes of the Presbytery meetings of February 23, 2016; April 14, 2016; September 27, 2016; and November 19, 2016.

On behalf of the Mission Council, the Moderator will review and approve the minutes of the May 21, 2016 meeting, notifying the Stated Clerk of any additions or corrections that are needed.

It was moved and carried to approve the following Vitality Grant applications:

\$4,200 for First Presbyterian, Hightstown, for their "A Voice for All - Kids Club"

\$1,000 for the Leadership Training Working Group, to help put on training events

\$2,000 for First Presbyterian, Matawan, for their Pathways contemporary worship service

It was noted that any unused funds from these grants must be returned to the Presbytery.

It was moved and carried not to approve an application for \$3,615 from the Rev. Rob Morrison for "education, strategy, and resources for Disciple Making in Outreach, Evangelism and Growth," that did not reflect the backing of one or more sessions.

It was reported that the Church Renewal and Stewardship working groups are planning to continue meeting and the New Worshiping Communities and Faithful Endings working groups do not presently have plans to meet.

Plans for the March 28 special Presbytery meeting are as follows:

7:00-7:45 Worship

7:45-8:00 Refreshments/social time

8:00-9:30 A Facilitated Conversation

David Specht of David Specht Consulting will be present to lead the Facilitated Conversations portion of the meeting.

It was moved and carried to utilize up to \$3,471.39 from the Presbytery's Mission Fund to help the Sayreville Presbyterian Church become current on its Board of Pensions payments through the end of 2016, an amount which may be reduced by matching funds from the Board of Pensions. The Stated Clerk will be in conversation with the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions about the possibility of offsetting part of that amount.

It was moved and carried to ask the Treasurer to prepare monthly statements of the Presbytery's financial condition to the Board of Trustees and quarterly statements of the same to the Mission Council.

It was moved and carried to adjourn the meeting at 2:20 pm with prayer by the Moderator. The next meeting of the Mission Council will take place on March 30, 2017 at 6:00 pm at the Fiddleheads Restaurant, Jamesburg.

ATTEST:

The Rev. Carl Wilton, Stated Clerk

THE DOCKET FOR THE MARCH 2017 CALLED MEETING OF MONMOUTH PRESBYTERY

DATE: TUESDAY, MARCH 28, 2017

REGISTRATION: 6:30 PM

TIME: MEETING AT 7:45 PM; WORSHIP AT 7:00 PM

PLACE: THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, JAMESBURG, NEW JERSEY

- 7:00 WORSHIP
- 7:45 THE PRESBYTERY CONVENES WITH PRAYER ELDER SUE SMITH
THE FORMATION OF THE ROLL AND BRIEF ANNOUNCEMENTS
THE REPORT ON ARRANGEMENT
THE MOTION TO APPROVE THE DOCKET
- 7:50 A FACILITATED CONVERSATION
AN OPEN DISCUSSION ON WHERE WE GO FROM HERE
- 9:25 THE COMMITTEE ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE
THANKS EXTENDED TO THE HOST CHURCH
- 9:30 THE CLOSING PRAYER

When you rise to speak, please identify yourself and the Church for which you are a commissioner.

The members of the Presbytery's Mission Council has called for a Special Meeting of the Presbytery of Monmouth to be held at the Presbyterian Church, Jamesburg, New Jersey on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at 7:00 pm for the purpose of discussing "where we go from here" following the death of our General Presbyter.

No other business that that listed in this call shall be transacted. The attendance of ministers and elders at Called meetings is not counted for evaluating participation in the Presbytery and is, strictly speaking, not required. All ministers and elders receive the call and the assurance that nothing else will be acted upon if they are unable to attend or decide not to attend, leaving the decisions to those who do attend.

The quorum for this meeting is six persons, three ministers, and three elders from three different churches. Having said this, we strongly request your attendance as we consider the future direction of the Presbytery of Monmouth.