

MINUTES OF NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY
General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church

CALLED MEETING – APRIL 24, 2007
Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church, 166th Street & Northern Blvd, Flushing, NY

Northeast Presbytery, ARPC, held a Called Meeting on April 10, 2007 at the Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church located at 166th Street and Northern Boulevard, Flushing, NYC, New York.

An Advance Notice for a Called Meeting was issued on April 10, 2007 (see Appendix A). The Official Notice for the Called Meeting was issued on April 15, 2007 (see Appendix B). The Called Meeting would be held in Flushing, NYC, NY, and would be a hybrid-meeting, in that there would be in-person participation, as well as opportunity to participate via teleconference call for presbyters who could not travel to Flushing.

There were two Items of Business listed for the Called Meeting:

One. To act upon the request for **Northeast Presbytery** recognition of the “Korean Division” as an approved group within **Northeast Presbytery**, for the purposes of fellowship, for cooperative and coordinated ministries among the Korean Pastors and Congregations of the **Presbytery** and for evangelistic outreach to the Korean communities in the Northeast.

Two. To act upon the request of several unaffiliated Korean pastors and congregations (primarily in the New York City region) who desire to affiliate with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and to be part of **Northeast Presbytery, ARPC**.

In the interval between the issuing of the Advance Notice and the Official Notice for the Called Meeting, there was significant sharing of information and pertinent discussion via E-Mail by members of the **Presbytery** regarding the two Items of Business listed for the Called Meeting..

On April 17, 2007 a meeting was held in Flushing, NYC, NY, by the Moderator, the Rev. David Johnston, and the Principal Clerk, the Rev. GJ Gerard, with Korean pastors and congregations who had expressed their desire to affiliate with the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.

The Moderator issued a Report of this Meeting which was E-Mailed to the **Presbytery** on April 19, 2007 (see Appendix C).

The Principal Clerk also issued a Report of this Meeting which was E-Mailed to the **Presbytery** on April 19, 2007 (see Appendix D).

As previously noted in the Official Call, the Clerk issued a Change in Location for the Called Meeting on April 19, 2007 (see Appendix E).

On April 21, 2007, the Clerk issued a set of Proposed Motions for consideration by the **Presbytery** to act upon for the two Items of Business for the Called Meeting (see Appendix F).

The Called Meeting was held in a meeting room of the Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church and was called to order by Moderator David Johnston at 10:05 AM, following the establishment of facilities for teleconference participation.

The Moderator led the **Presbytery** in prayer and shared a brief devotional message from Jonah, Chapter Four.

The Principal Clerk called the Roll. In person attendance were the following:

Ministers: Rev.'s David Johnston, GJ Gerard, C.B. Foster, James Wittke, John Hoeprich, Dr. C.K. Rhee, Dr. Peter Lee, Herschel Carlson.

Ruling Elders: Steve Manning, New Windsor; Donggyu Pak, Holy Grace; Peter Kim, Soonshin

Participating via teleconference were the following:

Ministers: Rev.'s William Sutherland, Clyde Reed, Ron Pritts, Fred Carr, Curtis Young, Paul Matthews, Alan Avera

Ruling Elder: Francis Maneer, Kirkridge

The Clerk reported excused absences were received from Rev.'s Charles Roberts, Glenn Goforth, Carlos Concha, Robert Whittet and Anthony Cowley; also from Nathan Carlson, Student of Theology.

The Clerk declared a quorum was present.

Identified visitors at the meeting included: Rev. John Kim of First Presbytery, representing Synod Moderator Tom Patterson, and to provide logistical assistance; Rev. Dr. Ji Kag Pang, Senior Pastor of Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church; Rev. Dr. Suk Ho Moon, Co-Pastor of Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church; Rev. Young Han Bae, Assistant Pastor of Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church; Rev. Sung Chui Lee, Assistant Pastor of Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church; Rev. Sung Sub Yim, Assistant Pastor of Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church; Mr. Jung Kim, Licensed Preacher of Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church; Rev. Jae H. Lim, Pastor of Tae Dam Presbyterian Church; Rev. Hong S. Kim, Pastor of The Joyful Church; Rev. Young Hwa Chung, Pastor of Church of the Lord; Rev. Hyung Koo Lee, Pastor of Ommuri Church.

Additional visitors, who were introduced as Elders/Officers (?) (but no names given) of the Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church, were also present.

The Moderator welcomed everyone and thanked Dr. Pang for making the facilities of the Hyo Shin Church available for this Called Meeting of the **Presbytery**.

The Clerk provided copies of the previously mentioned Report of the Moderator and the Report of the Clerk and the Proposed Motions for all **Northeast Presbytery** representatives.

The Clerk presented Item One for action by the **Presbytery**.

It was Moved and Seconded to reverse the order of consideration for the two Items of Business for this Called Meeting. Discussion followed. The question was called. The motion was defeated.

The proposed motion provided by the Clerk was Moved and Seconded:

“Northeast Presbytery, ARPC, recognizes and approves a Korean Fellowship within the bounds of Northeast Presbytery. The Korean Fellowship will include all Korean pastors and congregations within Northeast Presbytery, as well as other ministers and congregations of the Presbytery that desire to assist in the work of the Fellowship.

“The name of the Korean Fellowship will be the Northeast Presbytery Korean Fellowship.

“Although not part of the official polity structure of the Presbytery, the Northeast Presbytery Korean Fellowship will provide current activity reports at all Stated Meetings of Northeast Presbytery.”

It was Moved and Seconded to Amend the Motion by adding the following sentence:

“A Transition Committee shall be appointed to work with the Korean Fellowship, for the Korean pastors and congregations to become fully integrated into the work, ministry and life of Northeast Presbytery.”

Following discussion and debate, the Amendment Carried upon voice vote.

The Amended Motion was voted upon and Carried upon voice vote.

The Clerk presented Item Two for action by the **Presbytery**.

The proposed motion provided by the Clerk was Moved and Seconded.

“Upon the written request and personal affirmation of their desire to join the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and become part of Northeast Presbytery, the Presbytery does receive the following pastors and congregations under the nurture, care and oversight of Northeast Presbytery, with the goal of complete the process of Northeast Presbytery membership by or at the October, 2007 Stated Meeting of Northeast Presbytery. (Names of the Pastors and the Congregations to be listed – see Appendix G)”

It was Moved and Seconded to divide the proposed motion, in order to consider receiving the pastors and the churches in separate actions. Following discussion the Motion to Divide the Question was defeated upon voice vote.

It was Moved and Seconded to Amend the Motion to read as follows:

“Upon the written request and personal affirmation of their desire to join the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and become part of **Northeast Presbytery**; while the **Presbytery** does not receive the following Korean pastors and congregations as full members at this time: the **Presbytery** does receive the following Korean pastors and congregations under the nurture, care and oversight and fellowship of **Northeast Presbytery**; and for these Korean pastors and congregations to be received as full members of the **Presbytery** following the provisions and policies of the *Form of Government* of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the *Manual of Procedure* of **Northeast Presbytery**, with the goal of completing this membership process by the Spring 2008 meeting of the **Presbytery**. (Names of the Pastors and the Congregations to be listed – see Appendix G)”

Following discussion, a roll call vote on the Amendment was called. The proposed Amendment was Approved by a vote of 9 to 7.

The Amended Motion was voted upon and Carried upon voice vote.

The Clerk announced that the Items of Business for this Called Meeting of the **Presbytery** had been acted upon and there were no other items of business. The Moderator thanked everyone for participating in this Called Meeting of **Northeast Presbytery**.

At 12:05 PM, it was Moved, Second and Carried to adjourn. The Moderator led the **Presbytery** in a closing prayer and pronounced the Apostolic Benediction.

The Clerk informed the **Presbytery** he will be providing E-Mail minutes, hopefully within a week, and will be in correspondence with the Chairman of the appropriate Teams of the **Presbytery** to provide them with additional information regarding the names of the Korean pastors and the congregations.

Following the meeting, the in-person members of **Northeast Presbytery**, and all visitors, gathered in the sanctuary of the Hyo Shin Church for photographs. The in-person members of **Northeast Presbytery** were subsequently hosted by the Hyo Shin Presbyterian Church to a delicious Korean meal at a nearby restaurant.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Rev. GJ . Gerard
Principal Clerk

Rev. David Johnston
Moderator