

MINUTES OF NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY, ARPC
Spring STATED MEETING – March 6-7, 2008
Faith ARP Church, Olney, Maryland

The Stated Spring meeting of **Northeast Presbytery, ARPC** was held on March 6 and 7, 2008 at the Faith ARP Church, 17309 Old Baltimore Road, Olney, Maryland, Rev. William Sutherland, Pastor and host for this meeting of the **Presbytery**.

THURSDAY, MARCH 6, 2008 – SESSION ONE

Members and friends of **Northeast Presbytery** began arriving at 3:15 PM to register, enjoy fellowship and become acclimated to Faith ARP Church.

The Moderator addressed the **Presbytery** regarding his Vision and Purpose for Prayer and Sharing Times (see Appendix ONE)

It was M/S/C to Recess to a Season of Sharing and Prayer – led by Rev. David Johnston, Spiritual Life Director.

The **Presbytery** shared personal and mutual concerns and spent over an hour in corporate intercessory prayer, accompanied by the singing of hymns and the sharing of scripture verses.

At 5:30 the **Order of the Day** was called and the **Presbytery** transitioned to a time of food and fellowship at area restaurants.

EVENING BUSINESS SESSION

The **Presbytery** reconvened at 7:20 PM at which time the Moderator gaveled the meeting to order and prayer for GOD's blessings, guidance and providential care for this meeting of the **Presbytery**.

The Clerk announced there was quorum present, based on the signed registration rolls (see Appendix A).

It was agreed by consensus to follow the Proposed Docket for this meeting of the **Presbytery** (see Appendix B).

The Moderator recognized the attendance of additional Presbyters who arrived since the afternoon session, as well as several guests who were all duly introduced.

Announcements were made by the Clerk and the Moderator regarding logistical concerns and also the schedule to be followed for this brief business session.

The Moderator introduced the Rev. H. Paul Matthews as his Vice-Moderator, and announced that he would be serving as the Spiritual Life Director for this meeting of **Presbytery**.

The Moderator appointed Student of Theology Eric Meberg to serve as the Reading Clerk.

The Moderator appointed Ruling Elder Steve Manning and the Rev. Anthony Cowley to serve as his Resolutions Committee.

Minutes from Lifeline Fellowship, the Presbyterian Church of Atonement, Global Vision ARP Church, and Ballston Center ARP Church will be read. The Moderator appointed the Rev.'s Ron Pritts and Student of Theology Rick Anderson to serve as Readers of Session Minutes on behalf of the **Presbytery**.

PRINCIPAL CLERK REPORT

It was Moved/Seconded/Carried (M/S/C) to approve the minutes of October, 2007 as printed and distributed, having been previously provided via electronic means for any corrections, etc.

It was agreed by consensus to defer the second reading of the proposed *Directory of Worship* to Old Business.

The Clerk reminded the pastors and churches of the **Presbytery** of the need to submit their Annual Congregational Reports by April 1st, and to provide information updates on a regular basis, including new E-Mail addresses, cell phone numbers, worship times, and special events.

The Clerk reported he received written confirmation in November, 2007 that the Great Lakes and South Presbytery of the Reformed Presbyterian Church, North America has received the ARP Church of Grand Rapids, Michigan and the Rev. Ray Lanning, Pastor, as members of the Presbytery.

The Clerk reported on other correspondence received and distributed to appropriate Teams and Committees.

The Annual Report of the **Presbytery** to the General Synod will be submitted in April after additional Reports have been received from the churches of the **Presbytery**. The Annual Report will be approved at the June Meeting of the Presbytery.

It was M/S/C to approve the Report of the Clerk.

REPORTS OF ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONS

Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Commission for Property Oversight of the former Kingsborough Church reported that necessary legal steps are continuing forward to consummate a sale of the property, with a hoped-for-closing to occur before the meeting of General Synod. Ruling Elder Mike Ritchie, from Ballston Center, is to be commended for the great amount of work and leadership he has devoted to secure a timely resolution for all matters concerning the oversight and disposition of the Kingsborough Property (see Appendix C).

The Report of the Commission to Organize the Faith ARP Church of Scranton, PA, and to Install the Pastor and Ruling Elders was presented (see Appendix D). It was M/S/C to receive this Report and to discharge the Commission with the grateful appreciation of the **Presbytery**.

REPORTS OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The minutes of the February 1, 2008 meeting of the Executive Committee were presented (see Appendix E). It was M/S/C to ratify the actions taken by the Executive Committee and approve these minutes.

The minutes of the February 16, 2008 were presented (see Appendix F). It was M/S/C to receive these minutes as printed.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

The Chairman of the Stewardship Committee, the Rev. H. Paul Matthews, announced that Mr. John Weinzirl has resigned as Treasurer. Mr. William Lewis from the Church of the Atonement was introduced as a candidate to serve as Treasurer of **Northeast Presbytery**.

It was agreed by consensus to consider the financial reports of the Treasurer, and appropriate resolutions for the Treasurer's service, under the Report of the Stewardship Committee during Friday's business session.

Nominations were received for the position of Treasurer of **Northeast Presbytery**. Mr. William Lewis was nominated. It was M/S/C to close nominations and to elect Mr. Lewis by acclamation. The **Presbytery** thanked Mr. Lewis for his willingness to serve as Treasurer. Mr. Lewis' mailing address will be in care of the Presbyterian Church of the Atonement, Silver Spring, MD, where he will maintain a mailbox to receive the Treasurer's correspondence.

CHANGE IN THE DOCKET

It was M/S/C to amend the Docket to have the Credentials Team report at 10:15 AM, and to have the Commission for the Kirkridge Session to report on Friday afternoon.

ORDER OF THE DAY

The **Presbytery** recessed from its business session for the Evening Worship Service and the Observance of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper. It was announced there will be no business conducted after the Worship Service, however Teams and Committees of the **Presbytery** may meet as desired.

EVENING WORSHIP SERVICE

The **Presbytery** gathered in the sanctuary of the Faith ARP Church for Worship. The Rev. David Johnston led the Worship Service with Rev. Iain Duguid preaching. The Sacrament of Holy Communion was observed with Rev. William Sutherland officiating and assisted by Ruling Elders from the Faith ARP Church. The Rev. Sutherland closed the Worship Service in prayer. (see Appendix G for Worship Bulletin).

Following the Worship Service the **Presbytery** enjoyed fellowship and rest for the evening.

FRIDAY, MARCH 7, 2008 – SESSION TWO

Members and friends of the **Presbytery** re-gathered at the Faith ARP Church on Friday morning at 8 AM for fellowship and refreshments.

The Moderator called the **Presbytery** to order at 8:45 AM. The Moderator, in his role as Spiritual Life Director, provided instruction and guidelines for the **Presbytery** to divide into several small groups for prayer and praise times covering five specific topics. The small groups gathered at separate locations for one and fifteen minutes of spiritual enrichment and devotion.

At 10 AM the **Presbytery** enjoyed a time of morning refreshments provided by the ladies of the Faith ARP Church.

MORNING BUSINESS SESSION

The Moderator called the **Presbytery** to reconvene for business at 10:15 AM. The **Presbytery** reconvened with prayer offered by Moderator David Johnston.

The Moderator welcomed all in attendance and introductions were made to new arrivals, including the Rev. Don Holloway from Second Presbytery, and now living in Hanover, PA. Mrs. Holloway (Edith) has become a member of the Kirkridge ARP Church.

Mrs. Joyce Hamilton, representative for Women's Ministries of **Northeast Presbytery** was introduced and was invited to address the **Presbytery** prior to the recess for Lunch.

Logistical announcements were made by the Principal Clerk and Rev. Sutherland, host pastor.

REPORT OF THE CREDENTIALS TEAM

The Rev. William Sutherland, Chairman, reported for the Credentials Team (see Appendix H).

Examination of Licentiate Sung Sub Yim for Ordination Rev. Sutherland reported the Team has met with Mr. Yim and recommends Mr. Yim be examined for ordination, and upon sustaining his examination, and approval of a Call to serve as Associate Pastor of the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church, ARPC, that a Commission be appointed for his ordination, and completion of the Pastoral Call.

Mr. Yim gave his personal testimony of Christian Faith and his call to the Gospel Ministry. He affirmed the Bible is the written Word of GOD. He has received a Pastoral Call to serve as the Associate Pastor for Young Adults and Praise and Worship at the Hyo Shin Church. Mr. Yim answered questions from the floor (with Rev. John Kim serving as translator). Mr. Yim affirmed his full commitment to the Westminster Standards, and takes no exceptions to any of them, and he affirms allegiance to the *Form of Government* of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. Mr. Yim affirmed that a person is justified by GOD alone and not by human merit or endeavor. A justified person therefore can not lose his salvation. It was M/S/C to arrest the examination and Mr. Yim was dismissed from the assembly.

The **Presbytery** discussed Mr. Yim's examination. Dr. S.H. Moon, Senior Pastor of Hyo Shin Church spoke on behalf of Mr. Yim. Rev. Sutherland reported the Team had done a thorough examination of Mr. Yim and was satisfied with his answers. Dr. Rhee, a member of the Team,

required Mr. Yim to speak in English during the Team's examination and was satisfied with his answers. It was M/S/C to sustain the examination and to appoint a Commission to proceed with the ordination and to complete the terms of the Pastoral Call.

Mr. Taek Youn Oh, Ruling Elder from the Hyo Shin Church, Rev. Dr. S.H. Moon, Rev. Dr. C.K. Rhee, Rev. Dr. Peter Lee, and Rev. GJ Gerard (chairman) will appointed as members of the Commission, with an ordination service scheduled for April 20, 2008 at the Hyo Shin Church, Flushing, NYC at 5:00 PM.

Mr. Yim was welcomed back to the Assembly and greeted with the Right Hand of Fellowship by the members of the **Presbytery**.

Reception of the Rev. Dr. Ji Kag Pang Rev. Sutherland introduced Rev. Dr. Ji Kag Pang who was received under the care of the **Presbytery** at the April, 2008 Called Meeting. The Team has met with Dr. Pang and recommends he be enrolled as a full ministerial member of the **Presbytery**, and granted honorable retirement status. Rev. Pang served as the founding pastor of the Hyo Shin Church, beginning in 1974, and recently retired as the Senior Pastor in June, 2008. Rev. Pang answered the Questions for Ordination from the *Form of Government* in the affirmative. It was M/S/C to approve the Recommendation of the Team. The members of the **Presbytery** greeted Dr. Pang with the Right Hand of Fellowship and welcomed him as a member of the **Presbytery**.

Reception of Rev Jack Van Dyk Rev. Sutherland introduced the Rev. Jack Van Dyk who serves as Senior Pastor of the Christian Center Ministries Church in Alexandria, VA. The Team has met with and examined Rev. Van Dyk for ministerial membership in the **Presbytery** and recommends his reception upon letter of transfer from Classis Ontario of the Reformed Church of America. Rev. Van Dyk gave his personal testimony, and his call to the Gospel Ministry and reviewed his pastoral ministry. He affirms the Westminster Standards without exceptions. He answered the Questions for Ordination from the *Form of Government* in the affirmative. It was M/S/C to receive Rev. Van Dyk as a member of **Northeast Presbytery** upon letter of transfer from the Reformed Church of America. Rev. Van Dyk was welcomed into the **Presbytery** with the Right Hand of Fellowship given by the members of the **Presbytery**.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE Rev. Sutherland reported the Rev. Doug Brandt from California is still highly interested in uniting with the **Presbytery** and hopes to attend the June meeting at Bonclarken. Student of Theology Rick Anderson is graduating from Reformed Presbyterian Seminary, Pittsburg, PA in May. The Rev. J. B. Oh from Cherry Hill, NJ is in correspondence with the Team regarding membership in the **Presbytery**. Mr. Kevin Kim of the Joyful Church of New York is considering application to be a Student of Theology.

It was M/S/C to receive the Report of the Credentials Team as a whole.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERY LIAISONS

WORLD WITNESS LIAISON Mr. Erik Meberg, missionary with World Witness, and a Student of Theology of **Northeast Presbytery**, spoke about ARP mission work in Turkey. There are over 70 million un-reached people in Turkey, with less than 3000 Christians in the entire country. Islam is a major barrier to presenting the Good News of Jesus Christ, as is Turkish

Nationalism, which views the Christian Faith as a foreign influence to Turkey. Prayer was offered for Erik Meberg and the work of World Witness in Turkey.

Rev. A.T. (Tat) Stewart, missionary with World Witness, spoke on his work in the Persian world. There is an awakening taking place in Iran. SAT-7 is broadcasting the Gospel via satellite and this is having a tremendous impact. A “Seminary On The Air” is soon to be launched. There are over 60 young Iranians coming to Faith each day. In cooperation with the Presbyterian Church in America, a Presbyterian Internet seminary is now in the planning and praying stages and hopefully will be launched in the coming year. There are over 5 million Iranians in a world-wide Persian Diaspora with some 200 Christian churches amongst this group, with every major city having a Persian church. Prayer was offered for Tat Stewart and his wife, Patti, and for their ministries and service with World Witness.

Rev. Kevin Muldoon, World Witness Liaison, reported that Rev. Frank VanDalen, Director of World Witness, will attend the Fall meeting of the **Presbytery**. Rev. Muldoon reported there are visa problems occurring in Pakistan which are preventing U.S. doctors and nurses to assist in the staffing at the Nancy Fulwood Hospital. There are also serious financial shortfalls due to the deflating value of U.S. dollars overseas and the downward direction of the U.S. economy. On Friday, April 4, 2008 there will be a World Witness banquet in Maryland. Rev. Muldoon encouraged all churches to receive the personal newsletters for Erik and Tat.

It was announced that the Atonement Church is sending out two short-term mission teams this summer, one to Wales and one to Mexico. Rev. Muldoon encouraged everyone to use the Internet and use the link: www.World-WitnessShortTerm.com to stay informed on short term mission possibilities.

It was M/S/C to receive the World Witness Report with gratitude.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION LIAISON Rev. Robert Whittet, Liaison, has been elected Chairman of the Board for Christian Education of the General Synod. A printed report will be requested from Rev. Whittet for inclusion in the minutes (see Appendix GG).

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

STEWARDSHIP COMMITTEE

The Rev. H. Paul Matthews, Chairman, presented the Treasurer’s Reports for 2007 and for the first quarter of 2008 (see Appendix I). It was M/S/C to receive these reports with appreciation to Mr. John Weinzirl. The 2008 Budget is included in the Report for the first quarter of 2008.

Budget requests for the 2009 Budget need to be sent to the Stewardship Committee by September, 2008. Also, voluntary commitments to support the work of the **Presbytery** and the General Synod should be sent to the Stewardship Committee by December 1, 2008.

The E-Mail and US mail address for Mr. William Lewis, newly elected Treasurer will be communicated to the **Presbytery** and to the Synod.

It was M/S/C to have any one of three authorized signatures on the bank accounts for the **Presbytery**: Mr. William Lewis, Treasurer; Mr. Steve Manning, member of the Stewardship Committee; or Rev. Paul Matthews, Chairman of the Stewardship Committee.

Rev. Matthews presented a Resolution of Thanksgiving to be adopted and presented to Mr. John Weinzirl for his twelve-plus years of service as the Treasurer of **Northeast Presbytery** (see Appendix I8). It was M/S/C to approve the Resolution and associated actions. Rev. Matthews led the **Presbytery** in prayer, giving thanks for the work of Mr. Weinzirl and interceding on his behalf and his family.

It was M/S/C to amend the 2008 Budget of the **Presbytery** to include \$300 for a May 3rd meeting of the **Presbytery** women at the Faith ARP Church, and \$1200 for a Women's Ministry Retreat being planned by the Church of the Atonement.

Rev. Matthews distributed a survey from the Board of Stewardship of the General Synod and requested pastors and sessions to send completed surveys to Mr. Marty Taylor, Chairman of the Board of Stewardship (see Appendix I9)

It was M/S/C to receive the Report of the Stewardship Committee as a whole.

ORDER OF THE DAY – ADDRESS BY MRS. HAMILTON

Being 12:00 noon, the Order of the Day was called to hear an address from Mrs. Joanne Hamilton, representing the Women of the Church ministries. Mrs. Hamilton addressed the **Presbytery** and expressed appreciation on behalf of the Women of the Church ministries for the financial support for upcoming events. Mrs. Hamilton serves as the **Presbytery** representative to the Women's Ministries of the General Synod. There are two events currently being planned: a Women's Ministries meeting in May, and a Women's Ministry Retreat in October. Contacts have been made with nine churches, and more are desired (see Appendix HH).

It was M/S/C to receive the Report from Mrs. Hamilton with thanksgiving.

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Rev. Ron Pritts, Chairman, reviewed the responsibilities of the Trustees.

It was M/S/C to authorize the Ecclesiastical Commission for the Oversight of the Kingsborough Property, to conduct all necessary legal affairs and prepare all needed documents and to sign on behalf of the **Presbytery** for the sale of the real property of the Kingsborough Church, with one, two, or three signatures, of Mr. Michael Ritchie, Ron Pritts or GJ Gerard. Upon the consummation of the sale of the real property, the funds shall be given to the Treasurer of the **Presbytery** for further disposition to be determined by the **Presbytery**. All legal documents related to the sale of the property shall be given to the Trustees of the **Presbytery**.

It was M/S/C to receive the Report as a whole.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman of the Nominations Committee reminded the court of the need for nominations for Moderator for the term 2008-2009, and for Principal Clerk, for the term 2008-2011. Nominations will be considered during the Report of the Nominations Committee which is scheduled for the Afternoon Session.

Rev. Fred Carr of the Pastoral Support Team announced that a photographer will be taking photographs of all individuals to begin a pictorial directory of the **Presbytery**, and encouraged the cooperation of everyone for the support of this project.

ORDER OF THE DAY – LUNCH RECESS

The **Presbytery** recessed for a delicious buffet luncheon provided by the Women of the Faith ARP Church. The Rev. William Sutherland led the **Presbytery** in prayer for the food and for the opportunity to enjoy fellowship together.

AFTERNOON BUSINESS SESSION

The Moderator, Rev. David Johnston, banged the gavel at 1:40 PM, and led the **Presbytery** in prayer, thanking GOD for the excellent refreshments of food and fellowship, and asking GOD to bless and guide the **Presbytery** during the remainder of the meeting.

ORDER OF THE DAY – REPORT OF COMMISSION FOR KIRKRIDGE SESSION

Rev. Ron Pritts, Chairman of the Ecclesiastical Commission appointed for the Kirkridge Session at the Fall meeting of the **Presbytery**, reported for the Commission (see Appendix J1-J2). Rev. Pritts read the printed Report. The Report includes five Recommendations.

It was M/S to approve the Recommendations of the Commission.

Rev. C. B. Foster requested permission to address the **Presbytery** regarding the Report of the Commission. It was M/S/C to grant permission to Rev. Foster to address the **Presbytery**. Following Rev. Foster's address (see Appendix J3-J4), Rev. Pritts responded for the Commission. Ruling Elder Lou Schillinger, of the Kirkridge Session also responded to several of Rev. Foster's concerns contained in his address to the **Presbytery**.

Following additional discussion and debate, the question was called, and the Motion carried, approving the Recommendations of the Commission.

It was M/S/C to receive the Report of the Commission as a whole.

It was M/S/C for all files and correspondence of the Commission to be filed with the Principal Clerk of the **Presbytery**.

The **Presbytery** was led in prayer by several men for the Kirkridge ARP Church and Rev. Wittke, Pastor of the Church.

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS (CONTINUED)

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman of the Nominations Committee, presented the following recommendations:

1. Recommend all persons whose terms expire June 30, 2008, be elected to serve another full term on their respective Team, Committee or Liaison position. It was M/S/C to approve this recommendation.
2. Recommend that Mr. William Lewis, Treasurer, be added to the Stewardship Committee for the Class of 2010, replacing Mr. John Weinzirl. It was M/S/C to approve this recommendation.
3. Recommend that Mr. Charles Newton, of the Kirkridge Church, be added to the Outreach Northeast Team, for the Class of 2011. It was M/S/C to approve this recommendation.
4. Recommend that Rev. Iain Duguid be added to the Credentials Team. It was M/S/C to approve this recommendation.

Nominations for Moderator: 2008 – 2009. The Rev. Ron Pritts was nominated and elected by acclamation for this one year term.

Nominations for Principal Clerk: 2008 – 2011. The Rev. Fred Carr was nominated and elected by acclamation for this three year term.

It was M/S/C to receive the Report of the Nominations Committee as a whole.

OUTREACH NORTHEAST TEAM

Rev. James Wittke, Chairman of the ONE Team reported (see Appendix K).

Recommendations:

A. It was M/S/C to commend the Rev. Clyde Reed for his work as a consultative member of the Provisional Session for the Communion Presbyterian Church, ARS, Irvine, CA, and to accept his request to be relieved of this responsibility.

B. It was M/S/C to sanction the church planting exploratory work of Rev. Iain Duguid in Grove City, PA. Rev. Duguid spoke on the opportunity to minister to people who are not affiliated with existing reformed works. The work is seen as a mission field at present and not a mission congregation at this time. ONE will monitor the work of Rev. Duguid and, as appropriate, will prepare a recommendation for establishing a mission congregation to be considered at a future meeting of the **Presbytery**.

C. Rev. Wittke reported on the interest of Rick Anderson to begin a church planting effort in Hancock County, WV. It was M/S/C to authorize Mr. Rick Anderson, soon-to-be graduating Student of Theology, to do exploratory work in Hancock County for establishing an ARP Church. ONE will oversee Mr. Anderson's work, and, as appropriate make recommendations at a future meeting of the **Presbytery** regarding a church planting effort for Hancock County.

D. It was M/S/C to approve a Recommendation from ONE to request funding from Outreach North America to secure a Mission Developer for the Good News Presbyterian Church in Gilbert, AZ.

E. It was M/S/C to approve the Recommendation from ONE to add an additional Ruling Elder to the Outreach Northeast Team.

F. Rev. Wittke spoke on the Recommendation of ONE to receive the Christian Center Ministries Church, Alexandria, VA , as member congregation of the **Presbytery**. It was M/S/C to appoint a Commission to complete all necessary actions and to host a welcoming service.

It was M/S/C to appoint the Outreach Northeast Team to serve as this Commission with added members from the **Presbytery** as desired by the Team.

G. It was M/S/C to receive the Philadelphia Korean Presbyterian Church of Severn, MD as a mission congregation of the **Presbytery**, without any financial commitment at this time, and for the Korean Fellowship of Northeast Presbytery to provide leadership for the establishment of a Provisional Session for this congregation. The Rev. Y. H. Bae serves as the Pastor of this congregation.

H. It was reported that a \$300,000 loan to Joyful Church of New York is in process with the Application before Outreach North America. A \$35,000 grant from ONA, to assist with costs to install an elevator for the second floor sanctuary, has been approved and the funds will be sent to the Joyful Church.

I. Reports from Mission Congregations (Good News, Gilbert, AZ; Communion Presbyterian, Irvine, CA; Global Vision ARP Church, Flushing, NY; and the Iranian Christian Church of Washington DC, Silver Spring, MD) will be placed in the minutes (see Appendix K2)

It was M/S/C with great enthusiasm to receive the Report of the Outreach Northeast Team.

PASTORAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM

Rev. Fred Carr, Chairman presented the Report of the Pastoral Support and Development Team. (see Appendix L).

Rev. Carr reported that Students of Theology Rick Anderson and Nathan Carlson expect to graduate in May 2008. Student of Theology Jeff Workman is going overseas on a work assignment and will face a delay in finishing his seminary studies. There was a disbursement of \$1000 in scholarship aid sent to two Students of Theology.

The Team is contacting all ministers who are without a Call to request annual reports. The Rev. Ben Wilford was reported to be serving as a pastoral supply for a small Reformed Church in the United States congregation in western Ohio.

It was M/S/C to approve Excused Absences as contained in the submitted list (see Appendix M).

It was M/S/C to certify the List of Ministers on the Roll of **Northeast Presbytery** to sit as voting members of the 2008 meeting of the General Synod.

It was M/S/C to receive the Report of the Pastoral Support and Development Team as a whole.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE TEAM

COMMITTEE FOR REVITALIZATION OF NEW WINDSOR

Elder Lou Schillinger reported on the Committee for Revitalization of New Windsor ARP Church (see Appendix N). It was M/S/C to approve the following four recommendations of the Committee:

- A. Receive the Report and Dismiss the Committee with the Great Thanks of the **Presbytery**.
- B. Return the balance of funds for the Revitalization Project to the **Presbytery** treasury, and to withdraw the authorization for the expenditure of \$18,000 for revitalization support.
- C. Mr. Lou Schillinger, upon his request, be relieved of his responsibilities as a provisional elder for the New Windsor ARP Church.
- D. The Report be received as whole as the last Report of the Committee.

It was M/S/C to express the appreciation of the **Presbytery** for the work of the Committee and to give Praise to GOD for His blessings in strengthening the New Windsor ARP Church.

APPROVAL OF STATED SUPPLIES

It was M/S/C to grant approval for one-year extensions, through June, 2009, to the Stated Supply relationships between the Lifeline Fellowship and the Rev. David Johnston; and between the Holy Grace ARP Church and the Rev. Ryung Chun.

KOREAN FELLOWSHIP

The Korean Fellowship has expressed concerns regarding the establishment of ARP Churches by Pacific Presbytery in the New York City region, and ARP ministers of Pacific Presbytery, who reside in the New York City region not affiliating with **Northeast Presbytery**. The Fellowship is also concerned about recent newspaper advertising of the American Theological Seminary which identifies itself as an ARPC seminary, and appears to promise graduates that they will be ordained by the ARP Synod and be able to receive funding to start churches. These concerns are causing confusion to Korean ministers in the New York City region. The Principal Clerk has communicated these concerns to the Moderator of General Synod and to the Executive Board of the General Synod.

The Fellowship desires to host a dinner meeting in the Spring for all ARP Korean ministers (Pacific Presbytery and **Northeast Presbytery**).

It was M/S/C to receive the Report and place it in the minutes (see Appendix O).

OLD BUSINESS

A. It was M/S/C to adopt the Memorial (see Minutes of October 2007) of the Ballston Center ARP Church, to amend the *Manual of Procedure* to permit active non-delegate Ruling Elders who attend meetings of the **Presbytery** to have the privilege of the floor and to participate in the meeting, but without vote.

B. It was M/S/C to include the Scholarship Guidelines for Students of Theology as an Appendix of the *Manual of Procedure*.

C. The Proposed Directory for Worship, as contained in the 2007 Minutes of General Synod was presented for a second reading, discussion and vote by the **Presbytery**.

Following discussion and clarification, the **Presbytery** voted as follows:

Aye: 15 votes Nay: 0 votes Abstain: 0 votes

The Principal Clerk was instructed to report this vote to the Principal Clerk of the General Synod and to the ARP Center.

D. The Rev. Ron Pritts reported on the current work of the Synod Committee for the Revision of the *ARPC Form of Government*. The Committee will meet again on April 15, 2008. Comments regarding changes to the *Form of Government* should be sent to Rev. Pritts. A status report is expected to be received at the 2008 meeting of General Synod.

NEW BUSINESS

None

MODERATOR'S COMMITTEES

SESSION MINUTES The Session minutes for the Church of the Atonement, Ballston Center ARP Church, Lifeline Fellowship and Global Vision ARP Church were examined and exceptions noted. It was M/S/C to receive this Report and to encourage all Sessions to submit their minutes in a timely and orderly manner.

RESOLUTIONS The Rev. Anthony Cowley presented a very thorough Report of the Resolutions Committee (see Appendix P). It was M/S/C to adopt this Report.

FUTURE MEETINGS SCHEDULE

It was M/S/C to adopt the following schedule as planned future meetings of the **Presbytery**:

June 11, 2008, 4 PM in Draffin Hall, Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC

October 9 and 10, 2008 at the Ballston Center ARP Church, Ballston Spa, NY

Spring 2009 and Fall 2009: Invitations will be requested from the Hyo Shin Church, Flushing, NYC, and the New Windsor/Piney Creek Churches.

June, 2009: Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC.

ADJOURNMENT

It was M/S/C to adjourn the Spring Meeting of **Northeast Presbytery** at 4:25 PM.

The **Presbytery** stood and sang Psalm 133.

The Moderator, Rev. David Johnston, led the **Presbytery** in a closing prayer, and dismissed the **Presbytery** with an Apostolic Benediction.

Submitted by:

Attest:

Rev. GJ Gerard
Principal Clerk

Rev. David Johnston
Moderator