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Stated Meeting Of the Northeast Presbytery, A.R.P.C. *Ballston Center A.R.P. Church, Ballston Spa, N.Y.* *October 9-10, 2008*

Prior to the fall stated meeting of Northeast Presbytery, members of Presbytery met in the facilities of the Ballston Center A.R.P. Church, Ballston Spa, N.Y. for a season of intercession. Prayer was led by TE Rick Anderson, following which the members of the Presbytery enjoyed a supper provided by the Church.

- 081001 TE Ron Pritts, Moderator, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2008 and opened the meeting with prayer.
- 081002 TE Fred Carr, Principal Clerk, called the roll of Presbytery.

The following Ministers were registered during the course of the meeting:

TE Rick Anderson	TE Iain Duguid	TE H. Paul Matthews
TE Alan Avera	TE Milton Fisher	TE Ron Pritts
TE Young Han Bae	TE G.J. Gerard	TE C. K. Rhee
TE Ron Bell	TE David R. Johnston	TE Charles Roberts
TE Fred Carr	TE Peter Kemeny	TE William Sutherland
TE Ryung Chun	TE Hong Suk Kim	TE Jack Van Dyk
TE Anthony Cowley	TE Peter Lee	TE James Wittke
	TE Jae Hong Lim	

The following Ruling Elder delegates were registered during the course of the meeting:

RE Norman Slagle, Ballston Center ARPC
RE Weston Robinson, Church of the Atonement
RE Tom Fortney, Good News PC (MD)
RE Louis Schillinger, Kirkridge ARP
RE Stephen Manning, New Windsor ARP

- 081003 The Program was presented and approved with several minor amendments.
- 081004 The following guests were recognized: Moderator of General Synod, RE and Mrs. Gordon Query, Mr. Brian Miller, Mr. Benjamin Glaser, Rev. Daniel Rhee (Holy Fire Presbyterian Church), Rev. D. I. Whang (New Vision Church), Rev. J. K. Kim (The Flock Presbyterian Church), Rev. Chang Ho Chun (International Mission Church), Mrs. Milton Fisher, Mrs. Ron Bell, and Mrs. Ron Pritts.
- 081005 TE Charles Roberts welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Ballston Center A.R.P. Church.

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081006 The Moderator introduced to the court, TE Rick Anderson, who served as Spiritual Director during the meeting of Presbytery.

081007 The Moderator appointed the following committees:

Resolutions: TE Bill Sutherland, Convener; RE Wes Robinson

Review of Sessional Minutes: RE Steve Manning, Convener; TE Paul Matthews; and TE Jack Van Dyk

081008 The Moderator appointed TE Tony Cowley to serve as Reading Clerk for the meeting.

081009 The Moderator announced his appointment of RE Lou Schillinger as Vice-Moderator and TE Kent Moorlach as Director Communication – these men to serve until June 30, 2009. Presbytery voted to confirm these appointments.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

081010 The Principal Clerk presented the Minutes of the Executive Committee which met on Tuesday, Sept. 23, 2008 (see Annex A).

Request from Kirkridge Session

081011 The Reading Clerk read a request from the Session of the Kirkridge congregation asking for a delegation to make a visit of a fraternal nature to Kirkridge, indicating “it would be our desire that the Executive Committee of the Northeast Presbytery appoint a team to visit with us prior to the Fall Stated Meeting”. The Principal Clerk noted that the Executive Committee, acting under the provisions of MOP 4.04, answered the request by the appointment of a Commission of Encouragement, composed of by TEs Herschel Carlson, Bill Sutherland, Curt Young, Peter Kemeny, David Johnston, and RE Steve Manning. This Commission was constituted to respond to the request of the Kirkridge Congregation as is deemed prudent, noting especially their request for “counsel of the presbytery and a season of prayer with men from presbytery regarding several issues that have recently been troubling our congregation.” TE Carr moved that the Presbytery ratify this action of the Executive Committee. The motion passed.

EVENING WORSHIP

081012 Having reached the order of the day, Presbytery observed a time of worship. A sermon was preached by Mr. Brian Miller. The Lord Supper was served by the Session of the Ballston Center congregation, with TE Roberts officiating.

081013 The Moderator allowed for a time of announcements. The meeting recessed with prayer by the Moderator.

MORNING PRAYERS

081014 Presbytery assembled at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, October 9 for fellowship and breakfast in the fellowship hall of the Ballston Center Church. The members of the Presbytery joined in a season of prayer beginning at 8:30 a.m.

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- 081015 The Moderator called the Presbytery to order at 10:30 a.m. The moderator read from Psalm 100 and led in prayer. The court returned to the report of the Executive Committee.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (CONTINUED)

- 081016 The Clerk moved that the Presbytery hear a report from the Commission of Encouragement (see para. 081011 above) on actions already taken. The Presbytery voted to hear from the Commission. TE David Johnston reported on behalf of the Commission (see Annex B). The report was received as information.

Letter to the Executive Committee of Synod Regarding Korean Churches

- 081017 The Clerk presented a letter prepared by the committee appointed to address the Executive Committee of Synod regarding Korean Congregations belonging to Pacific Presbytery, located geographically in Northeast Presbytery (see Minutes, June 11, 2008, Para. 080621). The Reading Clerk read the letter to the Presbytery. Friendly editorial amendments were offered. The Presbytery voted to forward it to the Executive Committee of Synod and, as a courtesy, to forward a copy to Pacific Presbytery (see Annex C).

Reception of the Christian Center Ministries Church

- 081018 The Clerk noted from the Minutes, March 6-7, 2008, page 10, that the Presbytery had directed the Moderator to appoint a Commission to complete all necessary actions in reference to the reception of the Christian Center Ministries Church, Alexandria, VA. He noted that this had inadvertently been overlooked. Therefore the Executive Committee voted to direct the current Moderator to appoint a Commission to complete the action. The Moderator has appointed a commission, to be composed of TE's Herschel Carlson, Bill Sutherland, and Fred Carr and a RE from Calvary Reformed Church. The Presbytery voted to ratify this action.

Appreciation to TE G.J.Gerard

- 081019 TE Paul Matthews reported the decision of the Executive Committee to offer to TE G. J. Gerard the appreciation of the Presbytery for his service to the court for over twelve years as Principal Clerk. The Presbytery stood and applauded as TE Gerard came forward and received a gift from the Presbytery. The report of the Executive Committee was received as a whole.

ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONS

Kingsborough Commission

- 081020 The Clerk reported that no official Minutes of the Kingsborough Commission have been submitted but that they presented their final report and were dismissed at the June Adjourned Meeting (see Para 080611) . The Presbytery agreed to accept the report in lieu of formal Minutes. The Clerk also noted that in accord with the earlier decision of the Presbytery, a check for 10% of the final sale value of the Kingsborough property (\$40,000) has been transmitted to the Living Hope Church.

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Ordination and Installation of TE Sung Sub Yim

- 081021 TE Gerard presented the Minutes of the Commission of Presbytery to ordain and install TE Sung Sub Yim. The Presbytery voted to approve the Minutes (see Annex D) and to dismiss the Commission.

Ordination and Installation of TE Rick Anderson

TE David Johnston presented the Minutes of the Commission of Presbytery to Ordain and Install TE Rick Anderson. The Presbytery voted to approve the Minutes (see Annex E) and to dismiss the Commission.

First Kirkridge Commission

- 081022 Note was made that the Clerk expects to receive the official Minutes from the first Kirkridge Commission which was officially dissolved at the March 6-7, 2008 stated meeting.

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

- 081023 TE Paul Matthews reported on behalf of the Treasurer (see Annex F). The report was received. It was moved on his behalf that Presbytery change from its current bank to the Bank of America. The motion passed.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL CLERK

Minutes of Past Meetings of Presbytery

- 081024 The clerk presented the Minutes of the Spring Stated Meeting (Mar. 6-7, 2008). Presbytery voted to approve the Minutes as presented. He presented the Minutes of the Adjourned Meeting (June 11, 2008) and noted that a quorum was not present for that meeting. The Presbytery voted to ratify the actions of that meeting and approve the Minutes as presented.

Amendments to the Manual of Procedure

- 081025 The Reading Clerk presented a second reading of an amendment to the Manual of Procedure as follows (First Reading: March 7, 2008)

1.04 “Active non-delegate Ruling elders who attend meetings of the Presbytery are automatically given the privilege of the floor and are invited to participate in the meeting, but without vote.”

Presbytery voted to amend the MOP accordingly.

- 081026 The Principal Clerk presented a motion that the Manual of Procedure be amended to include the Presbytery’s Scholarship Guidelines for Students of Theology as Appendix C. Annex 3. (First Reading: March 7, 2008)

Presbytery voted to amend the MOP accordingly.

- 081027 The Reading Clerk presented the following as a first reading of an amendment to the Manual of Procedures:

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Appendix A. Para B. Sessional Records.

Current MOP: “Congregations are expected to submit their Minutes to Presbytery for review not less than annually (at either the Spring or Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery) as directed by the Principal Clerk. In the event they are unable to submit the Records as required, the Session is expected to request an extension in submitting them to a specified date.”

Recommended Added Wording: “Sessions may choose to keep their Minutes in whatever language they determine is most expeditious to them. When Minutes are submitted for review in a language other than English, the Moderator will appoint a speaker of that language to serve on the Moderator’s Committee on the Review of Session Minutes, to review those specific Minutes. Any notes about those Sessional Minutes that need to be printed in Presbytery’s Minutes will be translated into English.”

ADDRESS BY THE MODERATOR OF GENERAL SYNOD

- 081028 TE Pritts invited RE Gordon Query, Moderator of General Synod, to come forward to address the Presbytery. He was escorted to the podium by TE Roberts as the Presbytery stood. Moderator Query addressed the Presbytery on his theme for the year – The Indispensability of the Word of God. Following his presentation, Presbytery paused for prayer.

REPORTS OF MINISTRY TEAMS

Credentials Team

- 081029 TE William Sutherland introduced to the Presbytery, Mr. Benjamin Glaser a member of the Fairmont Presbyterian Church who has been recommended to become a Student of Theology by his Session. TE Sutherland indicated that he had been examined by the Credentials Team which also recommended him to the Presbytery. TE Sutherland examined Mr. Glaser. Presbytery voted to enroll him as a Candidate for the ministry under care of Northeast Presbytery. The Moderator asked him the questions prescribed by the MOP, declared him a candidate and presented him with a copy of the Bible (Appendix C., Annex 1, #8). (see also para. 081044 below)
- 081030 TE Sutherland introduced Rev.’s Rhee, Chung and Kim from the Korean American Presbyterian Church. He indicated that they (along with Rev. Whang previously introduced) have requested to be transferred into the Northeast Presbytery. They have submitted appropriate credentials and are currently in the process of being examined.
- 081031 The report of the Credentials Team as a whole was received.
- 081032 Presbytery recessed for lunch in the fellowship hall. Presbytery was called to the Moderator at 1:20 p.m. Mr. Glaser was asked to lead the court in prayer.

Pastoral Support and Development Team

- 081033 TE Fred Carr reported on behalf of the Pastoral Support and Development Team. He

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noted that he has made contact recently with TE's Concha, Galletta, Seeger, Wells and Willford. He read a portion of an e mail from TE Willford. He indicated that he has attempted unsuccessfully to contact TE Zargarian. He moved that the following Teaching Elders be granted excused leaves of absence in accord with their requests: Kent Moorlach, David Galletta, Herschel Carlson, Curtis Young, Bob Whittet, Carlos Concha, Barry Wells, Suk Ho Moon, Sung Chui Lee, Sung Sub Yim, and

Congregational Life Team

- 081034 In the absence of the Congregational Life Team Leader, the Clerk moved that the Moderator be authorized to appoint a provisional elder for the Session of the Calvary Reformed Church, according to the previous request from TE Herschel Carlson. The motion passed.

Outreach Northeast Team

- 081035 TE Jim Wittke reported on behalf of the Outreach Northeast Team (see Annex G).
- 081036 Presbytery voted to give five minutes to each Mission Developer to report the progress of their work. Presbytery heard from TE's Iain Duguid, Rick Anderson, Peter Lee and Jae Hong Lim. Each report was followed by prayer.
- 081037 TE Wittke moved that the Tri-State Community Fellowship be continued as an exploratory work of Northeast Presbytery under the leadership of TE Rick Anderson, Associate Pastor for Church Planting Outreach at Lifeline Church. The motion passed.
- 081038 TE Wittke moved that the Presbytery authorize the supplemental support for Rick Anderson's salary package at the rate of \$2,000/ month beginning November 1, 2008 and running through June 30, 2009 and that the presbytery pay the health insurance benefits and retirement for that same period. and that the presbytery request a \$2,000 /month supplemental internship supplement from ONA for the November 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. The motion passed.
- 081039 He moved that the presbytery request a \$1,000/month Student Internship supplement for Brian Harrington to labor as a Music/Administration Assistant at Tri-State Community Fellowship for the period from November 1, 2008 through June 30, 2008. Following some discussion about the nature of the work of Mr. Harrington, the motion passed.
- 081040 TE Wittke further moved that, based upon the recommendation of the Korean Fellowship, the following churches be taken under "care" of the Presbytery: Rev. J. K. Kim and The Flock Presbyterian Church, Rev. D. I. Whang and the New Vision Church, Rev. Daniel Rhee and the Holy Fire Presbyterian Church, Rev. Chang Ho Chun and the International Mission Church. Note was made of something of a precedent established at the called meeting of April 24, 2007 (referred to as the "two step" process) wherein the Presbytery receives Korean pastors and congregations under the nurture, care and oversight and fellowship of Northeast Presbytery. Pastors and congregations will be received as full members of the Presbytery following the

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provisions and policies of the *Form of Government* of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, and the *Manual of Procedure* of Northeast Presbytery when the process is completed sometime in the future. A review of the process of these congregations coming to this place was made. Presbytery discussed the motion at length. Each pastor introduced himself and provided brief information about his congregation.

081041 The motion was amended to add the words, "...if the way be clear for these ministers and congregations to be transferred from the Korean American Presbyterian Church..." so that the main motion read, "that based upon the recommendation of the Korean Fellowship, if the way be clear for these ministers and congregations to be transferred from the Korean American Presbyterian Church, the following churches be taken under "care" of the Presbytery..." The main motion passed.

081042 Presbytery voted to receive the committee report as a whole.

REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEES

Stewardship Committee

081043 TE Matthews presented the budget for Northeast Presbytery for 2009. Presbytery voted to pay the expenses of the Treasurer in order to enable him to attend meetings of Presbytery when possible, and, to that end, that the budget be increased by \$350. Presbytery voted to adopt the budget as amended (See Annex H).

ADDITIONAL OLD BUSINESS

081044 Presbytery voted to suspend the Manual of Procedure to allow the Moderator to appoint TE Tony Cowley (pastor of Mr. Benjamin Glaser's home congregation) to serve as his mentor. Mr. Cowley was appointed as mentor.

REPORTS OF THE MODERATOR'S COMMITTEES

Committee on Resolutions

081045 TE Sutherland presented the following report of the Committee on Resolutions which was adopted.

Be it resolved that Northeast Presbytery expresses its heartfelt thanks to the Ballston Center A.R.P. Church in Ballston Spa, NY, for the delicious food and gracious hospitality the church has provided.

Whereas we were encouraged by Bryan Miller to know for certain the benefits of Christ's death and resurrection, and we have tasted of the goodness of the Lord in communion;

Whereas we were exhorted by the Moderator of the General Synod, Gordon Query, to feed daily upon the indispensable Word;

Whereas we were blessed by our Korean brothers in New York and New Jersey who have expressed a desire to unite with Northeast Presbytery;

Whereas we were encouraged by the good reports from new congregations in Grove City, PA, and New Cumberland, WV;

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Whereas we received with gladness a new candidate under care, Benjamin Glaser;

Be it resolved that Northeast Presbytery expresses its gratitude to Ballston Center A.R.P. Church for its sacrificial service to Northeast Presbytery.

Committee on the Review of Minutes of Session

081046 RE Steve Manning presented the following report of the Committee on the Review of Minutes of Session, which was adopted.

Two Sessions presented their Minutes for review: Communion Presbyterian Church and Good News Presbyterian Church of Frederick, MD. No exceptions or notations were taken to the Minutes of the Communion Presbyterian Church. The following notation was taken to the Minutes of the Good News Presbyterian Church: The following rules regarding sessional Minutes were either missing or lacked all the information required: numbers 1, 3, 9, 13, 15 (see the Manual of Procedure, Appendix B).

The following Sessions asked to have their Minutes examined at the Spring Stated Meeting, 2009: Kirkridge and Lifeline.

The following Sessions did not present their Minutes for examination: Calvary Reformed Church, Fairmount ARPC, Faith ARP Church, (Scranton), Holy Grace ARP Church of L.I., Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church, New Windsor ARP Church, Philadelphia Korean Presbyterian, Piney Creek Presbyterian Church, Soonshin Bible Presbyterian Church, The Joyful Church of New York, The Kwang-Myung Church of NY, Inc., Yae Dam Presbyterian Church

NEXT MEETINGS

081047 The Clerk noted that the next meetings of Presbytery are planned as follows:
Spring Stated Meeting, March 5-6, 2009 in Hyo Shin Church, Flushing, NY
Adjourned Meeting, June 10, 2009 Bonclarken, Flat Rock, North Carolina
Fall Stated Meeting, October 8-9m 2009 in Piney Creek Church, Taneytown, MD.

ADJOURMENT

081048 There being no additional business, the Presbytery voted to adjourn with the singing of Psalm 133, and the apostolic benediction by the Moderator.

Annex A

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE NORTHEAST PRESBYTERY, ARPC

Minutes

Tuesday, September 23, 2008

1. The Executive Presbytery of Northeast presbytery met telephonically on Tuesday, September 23, 2008. TE Ron Pritts, the Chairman, called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. and led in a devotional meditation on Phil. 1:9-11. TE Herschel Carlson led in opening prayer.
2. TE Fred Carr, Principal Clerk, called the roll. The following Teaching Elders were present: Herschel Carlson, Fred Carr, Bill Sutherland, G.J. Gerard, Paul Matthews,

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- Kent Moorlach and Ron Pritts. A quorum was present.
3. The Chairman reminded everyone of the purpose of the meeting.
 4. The Clerk reported on publicity from TE Charles Roberts about arrangements for the Stated Meeting. He noted the expected presence of Synod's Moderator, Mr. Gordon Query and TE Frank Van Dalen.
 5. The Committee decided to invite TE Van Dalen to preach at the Thursday evening worship service and to invite Mr. Query to address the presbytery at the second meeting on Friday morning.
 6. The Chairman announced his invitation of TE Iain Duguid to serve as spiritual life director for the meeting, and that TE David Johnston would assist him in preparing for that ministry. The Chairman announced the appointment of RE Lou Schillinger to serve as vice moderator.
 7. TE Carr reviewed the documents e mailed to the members. He reviewed the items of the MOP to be voted on:
 - a. Second vote "to permit active non-delegate Ruling Elders who attend meetings of Presbytery to have the privilege of the floor and to participate in the meeting, but without vote." (Cf. Minutes, Mar. 6-7, 2008, page 12)
 - b. Second vote "to include the Scholarship Guidelines for Students of Theology as an Appendix of the Manual of Procedure." (Cf. Minutes, Mar. 6-7, 2008, page 12)
 - c. First reading of an amendment to the wording of Appendix A. Para B. Sessional Records which reads as follows, "Congregations are expected to submit their Minutes to Presbytery for review not less than annually (at either the Spring or Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery) as directed by the Principal Clerk. In the event they are unable to submit the Records as required, the Session is expected to request an extension in submitting them to a specified date" the following words, "Sessions may choose to keep their Minutes in whatever language they determine is most expeditious to them. When Minutes are submitted for review in a language other than English, the Moderator will appoint a speaker of that language to serve on the Moderator's Committee on the Review of Session Minutes, to review those specific Minutes. Any notes about those Sessional Minutes that need to be printed in Presbytery's Minutes will be translated into English."
 8. Note was made that no memorials to Synod have been received and that the annual report of Presbytery will be included in read-ahead packet for Presbytery.
 9. The Committee reviewed the Program for the Fall Stated Meeting and decided to forward it to the Presbytery as amended with their recommendation (Cf. Annex A.)
 10. The following communications to the Principal Clerk were acted upon as indicated.
 - a. A Report to Presbytery from Thomas Cambron thru Michael Ritchie on a refund check from National Grid and from Church Mutual in reference to the Kingsborough Church will be read to Presbytery and note taken that IAW Minutes, June 11, 2008, item #080611 this officially dissolves the Commission
 - b. A Request from the Session of the Kirkridge congregation asking for a delegation to make a visit of a fraternal nature to Kirkridge, indicating "it would be our desire that the Executive Committee of the Northeast Presbytery ap-

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point a team to visit with us prior to the Fall Stated Meeting” be answered by the appointment of a Commission of Encouragement, composed of by TEs Herschel Carlson, Bill Sutherland, Curt Young, Peter Kemeny, David Johnston, and RE Steve Manning. This Commission is constituted to respond to the request of the Kirkridge Congregation as is deemed prudent, noting especially their request for “counsel of the presbytery and a season of prayer with men from presbytery regarding several issues that have recently been troubling our congregation.”

- c. A letter addressed to the Executive Committee of Synod from the committee appointed to prepare the letter, was docketed to be read and acted upon at the Fall Stated Meeting. Request was made to have it translated into English if at all possible.
 - d. The Committee agreed to deal privately and individually with 10 congregations who did not submit a Statistical Report to the Synod.
 - e. The Committee decided to continue the practice of asking the first half of churches (according to an alphabetized list) to send Sessional records in the spring, and the second half to send Sessional records in the fall. Several churches – seriously delinquent – will be asked to send records immediately without regard to the plan.
 - f. The Committee decided to send requests from established, particular congregations, to transfer to the NEP, to the Outreach Northeast Team to assist in the process.
11. The Committee noted the Minutes, March 6, 7, 2008, page 10, “Rev. Wittke spoke on the Recommendation of ONE to receive the Christian Center ministries Church, Alexandria, VA, as a 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.” This action was inadvertently overlooked and not accomplished. The Chairman appointed a Commission to complete this action, to be composed of TEs Herschel Carlson, Bill Sutherland, and Fred Carr and a RE from Calvary Reformed Church.
12. The Executive Committee voted to expend an amount not to exceed \$100 to provide a gratuity to TE Gerard for his diligent and faithful service as Principal Clerk.
13. Having completed the items of the agenda and their being no additional business, the Committee adjourned with prayer TE Moorlach

Annex B

Report of the Commission of Encouragement for Kirkridge ARP Church

Manchester, MD

October 9, 2008

The Executive Committee at the September 17 meeting appointed a Commission of Encouragement for Kirkridge Church. The commission is composed of Teaching Elders Herschel Carlson, Curt Young, Peter Kemeny, David Johnston, and Ruling Elder Steve Manning.

The Commission was appointed in response to a request of the Kirkridge Session for the “counsel of the presbytery and a season of prayer with men from presbytery re-

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garding several issues that have recently been troubling our congregation.” David Johnston was asked to act as convener of the Commission.

Members of the Commission began conferring via e-mail, and took the following actions:

- First, on Sunday, September 28, Herschel Carlson and David Johnston visited the congregation for Sunday worship and had good conversations with members and elders. Both men spent the afternoon in the home of Elder Wayne Elban, and this produced more assessment of the situation and more encouraging conversation. David remained for evening worship and continued conversations with congregation members. Both men came away with the sense that good things are happening and the recent exodus of certain members, although painful, has also had beneficial effects.

It was very clear that the Session and members need to shift their focus away from the people who left, and who form a “shadow church” that continues gossiping, criticizing, and seeking to lure away those who remain faithful.

- Second, on Tuesday, September 30, Curt Young and Fred Carr attended a called meeting of the Kirkridge Session and were able to have extended conversations and prayer with the elders and pastor. Here is some of their report:

The working relationships between the elders seemed to be excellent. ... The elders are strong leaders with years of experience and wisdom who are not hesitant to offer counsel, including disagreement with each other. Yet the tone is one of mutual respect, shared calling, and genuine appreciation to serve alongside one another. All the men share the commitment to move the church forward by looking to the future and planning for it. At the same time reports indicated impressive effort to follow up personally with departing members or those who are wavering in their commitment to the church. ... The leaders realize the distressing challenge that gossip and rumors have posed to their leadership. They appear to be addressing this proactively in publications and quick response times when rumors do appear. Pastor Wittke expressed the desire to take on more teaching responsibility both out of his sense of calling and desire to help relieve others who are now facing new duties elsewhere. There is strength, life, and initiative here. It remains true as well that beginning with the pastor and his family, everyone at Kirkridge is hurt, grieving and distressed. The strong unhesitating support of Presbytery for the pastor and session is both needed and deserved.

Commission members who have visited Kirkridge agree strongly with this assessment.

- Third, on Sunday, October 5, Herschel Carlson, David Johnston, Fred Carr and Peter Kemeny visited Kirkridge at the time of evening worship. The Session of Kirkridge called for a “town hall meeting” of Kirkridge members to talk with the Commission so that members could ask questions and hear perspective on their situation and prospects.

The Lord worked through our different ways of communicating and worked in the hearts of people in the meeting. What unfolded was a meeting that grew more encouraging as it went on.

We began with the singing of a hymn and a season of prayer led by Herschel Carlson. Herschel read John 17 and led the congregation into a time of open prayer based on praying the things that the Lord Jesus prayed for His church.

Following this time of prayer, the Commission made a clear, unanimous affirmation

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and endorsement of the Pastor and Session on behalf of the Presbytery.

There were questions about whether the pastor and elders were following up on people who leave. The Commission members and the elders and pastor responded that this is being done diligently.

Another question was whether the Presbytery will allow the church to fail financially. We responded with expressions of faith that the Lord is going to supply, but also told them that our Presbytery would offer assistance if it is needed.

People were careful to speak graciously of those who have left, even though their departure has not always been gracious.

Rev. Terry Gordon, who was at one time a member of this Presbytery, exhorted people that it is important for them not to seek the counsel of a former pastor about leadership and direction for the church: He is no longer the pastor and his involvement is inappropriate.

We heard one long-time member endorse the current Session as “approachable.” This person said that the Session for a long time was either unable or unwilling to discuss and explain decisions and plans they had made. The current members of Session are very different, and this person is pleased.

We heard comments from a former member of Kirkridge who came to the meeting. This person said the church was formerly dominated and run “by a clique.” He sees that the clique is now gone and there is a new and better atmosphere in the congregation.

We believe that the Lord accomplished a lot through these visits and that the leaders and congregation will move forward. There may not be need for more visits by the Commission. However, we ask that the Presbytery continue the Commission until at least the Spring meeting so that we have authority to visit and encourage as that may be needed.

David Johnston, convener.

Annex C

Letter To the Executive Committee of the General Synod

At the direction of the Presbytery, meeting on June 11, 2008 and October 10, 2008, we are writing to you in regard to the Korean A.R.P. churches which are members of Pacific Presbytery but are located in the geographical area of Northeast Presbytery.

May we call to your attention the procedure we used in 2005, when we were approached about forming an English speaking congregation in Orange Co., California? As the Minutes of the 2005 Synod, read, "A motion carried that Northeast presbytery be permitted to develop a mission congregation in Orange County CA." (p. 137) Our procedure for such an unusual action, was to request permission to do so from the Synod. As you may remember the “Proposed Amendment to Form of Government” presented by the Committee on the Minister and his Work reiterates the idea of geographical presbyteries, in the wording: “Receiving a congregation outside the geographical bounds of an existing presbytery requires action of the General

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Synod.” (Minutes of General Synod, June 5-7, 2007, p. 44).

It is because we recognize the authority of the Synod in matters such as this one, that we address you at this time.

We are recommending that you counsel Pacific Presbytery to transfer all churches located in our geographical area to Northeast Presbytery. This will require their requesting to be transferred from Pacific Presbytery and their being received by Northeast Presbytery. This is unusual in that we, in the A.R.P., rarely have a need to do this. It is not unusual because as a denomination we are committed to geographical presbyteries.

We recommend this action for a number of reasons. Obviously, it reaffirms our commitment to geographical presbyteries. At the same time, it makes mutual support and encouragement much easier. Churches in Woodside, New York, and Rochester, New York, as well as other works in New England, Pennsylvania, New York and New Jersey will be able to be more involved in formal and informal presbytery activities.

The churches of which we speak are ethnically and linguistically Korean. We are pleased to remind the Synod that Northeast Presbytery already has over nine Korean language congregations who are organized in a “Korean Fellowship” within the Presbytery. Currently there is a linguistic liaison between the Principal Clerk of the Presbytery and our Korean congregations. In short, Northeast Presbytery would provide a good home for these congregations with many opportunities for collaboration and fellowship.

We understand the historical background of these churches belonging to Pacific Presbytery. In no way would we want our request to be construed as a criticism of any person or group or any actions previously taken. However, we believe it is time to recognize that we are a national church. Our presbyteries are prepared to welcome people of various ethnicities into our regional church bodies.

We are aware that there are a number of issues and tensions among Korean members of our denomination. We deeply regret this. We understand that the Executive Committee, the Moderator, Principal Clerk and Office of Central Services are working on an amicable resolution. It is our opinion that Presbyteries must not be allowed to exist as “caucuses” of people with common allegiances or opinions. This contradicts the peace, purity and unity of the church. We believe these problems will remain and will be exacerbated if we do not prevent them from being perpetrated. It is our opinion that insisting that congregations become members of their regional presbytery will aid in a resolution of these tensions.

Our vision is for the extension of our Lord’s kingdom (Mat. 6:10) as we work together in unity (Ps. 133:1). To that end we respectfully request that Synod counsel all churches located in our geographical area to transfer their membership in Northeast Presbytery and that all church planting prospects in our area be referred to Northeast

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Presbytery, and that no church planting work be initiated outside of a presbytery's geographical area without the express permission of the Synod.

Our spring meeting of Presbytery will be held in the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church of Flushing, N.Y. Since this is an ideal time for these churches to enter into formal union with Northeast Presbytery, we ask you to move ahead in this matter with deliberate haste and we extend a sincere invitation for Pacific Presbytery to transfer the congregations so we are able officially to receive them during spring stated meeting.

Please allow us to share an additional concern that has to do with a certain "American Theological Seminary" in our geographical boundary (New York) which advertises in the Hankookilbo (one of the largest Korean daily newspapers in New York). It represents itself as an institution recognized by the General Synod of the A.R.P. This advertisement affects the population of Koreans in our geographical area. We believe this advertisement merits your investigation. It appears to make a claim that is not true and implicates us in their actions. Unless there is some relationship, unknown to us, with the A.R.P., we think it would be in the best interest of the good name of the Synod to advise the American Theological Seminary to cease and desist from describing itself as "recognized by the A.R.P."

Sincerely,
Fredrick S. Carr, Principal Clerk
At the Direction of Northeast Presbytery

Annex D

Report Of The Ecclesiastical Commission To Ordain And Install Licentiate Sung Sub Yim

The Ecclesiastical Commission appointed by Northeast Presbytery at the Spring 2008 meeting to ordain and install Licentiate Sung Sub Yim has fulfilled its responsibilities and requests to be dismissed.

The Commission, consisting of the Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman, Rev. Dr. Peter Lee, Rev. Dr. C.K. Rhee, Rev. Dr. S.H. Moon, and a Ruling Elder from the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church (ARPC) did meet on April 20, 2008 at the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church (ARPC), Flushing, New York. Also in attendance, and invited to participate in the work of the Commission were the Rev.'s Jae .H. Lim, and Hong Suk Kim and Rev. Dr. Ji Kag Pang,. Rev. David Johnston, Moderator was unavoidably delayed due to poor airline service, but did arrive during the fellowship time after the Worship Service.

The Ordination and Installation Service was conducted on April 20, 2008, and was an integral part of a larger celebratory Worship Service during which the Hyo Shin Church celebrated its 24th Anniversary, and there was the ordination and installation of some 26 ruling elders and deacons, recognition of a Ruling Elder Emeritus , and recognition of some two dozen or more "Bible Ladies," who are designated women to teach the Bible to other women in the Korean community.

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Rev. GJ Gerard brought greetings from Northeast Presbytery and presided at the Ordination and Installation Service. Rev. Gerard asked the Constitutional Questions to Licentiate Sung Sub Yim, who answered each question in the affirmative.

Rev. J. H. Lim led the Congregation in prayer.

Rev. Dr. S.H. Moon delivered the Sermon.

Rev. Dr. C. K. Rhee gave the Charge to Licentiate Sung Sub Yim.

Rev. Dr. Peter Lee gave the Charge to the Congregation.

Rev. Hong Suk Kim also gave a Word of Exhortation to the Congregation.

Rev. Dr. Ji Kag Pang led in the Prayer of Ordination.

Licentiate Sung Sub Yim was duly ordained into the Gospel Ministry of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, with the laying on of hands by the members of the Ecclesiastical Commission and other guest ministers present.

The Reverend Sung Sub Yim was duly installed as an Associate Pastor of the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church (ARPC) upon affirmation of the Constitutional Questions and the affirmation of the Congregation of the Hyo Shin Church.

Submitted by:

Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman
Ecclesiastical Commission to
Ordain and Install Licentiate Sung Sub Yim
8 October 2008

Note: A copy of the Ordination Service will be provided to the Clerk for the Presbytery records.

Annex E

**Minutes of the Commission of Northeast Presbytery, A.R.P.
To Install Mr. Rickey L. Anderson, Jr. as
Associate Pastor, Lifeline Community Church, ARP, Gibsonia, PA
Sunday, June 29, 2008**

The Commission of Northeast Presbytery, A.R.P., to ordain and install Rick Anderson as Associate Pastor of Lifeline Church, Gibsonia, PA, was called to order by the chairman of the commission, Rev. David Johnston, at 4:40 PM on Sunday, June 29, 2008 in the Sperling Funeral Home, Wexford, PA. David Johnston opened the meeting with prayer.

All Commission members were present:

Chairman, Rev. David R. Johnston,	Stated Supply, Lifeline Community Church, ARP
Ruling Elder Wayne A. Greenwood	Lifeline Community Church, ARP
Rev. William Sutherland	Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church, Olney, MD

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Rev. Fred Carr

Associate Pastor, Church of the Atonement

Rev. Johnston volunteered to serve as clerk for the Commission.

The following were invited to participate in the ordination service:

Rev. Dennis Prutow, RPCNA, Professor in the Reformed Presbyterian Seminary,
Pittsburgh

Rev. Anthony Cowley, Pastor of Fairmount Presbyterian Church, ARP, Sewickley,
PA

Rev. Allen Drake, River View Presbyterian Church, PCUSA, Glenwillard, PA

Ruling Elder Brian Tritt, Lifeline Church

Ruling Elder Richard Doorley, Lifeline Church

Ruling Elder Thomas Martin, Lifeline Church

The Commission reviewed the order of worship.

Rev. Johnston asked that the Commission make an innovation by joining in prayer for Tammy Anderson, wife of the new Pastor, during the service, immediately after the declaration of ordination and installation. This was approved.

The Commission voted to adjourn with the benediction following the installation service. Tony Cowley closed the meeting in prayer.

Prof. Prutow preached the sermon.

Rev. Sutherland gave a review of Mr. Anderson's preparation for ordination.

Rev. Johnston asked the questions for ordination.

Elder Greenwood asked the questions for installation.

Rev. Carr gave the charge to the Pastor.

Rev. Cowley gave the charge to the congregation.

Rev. Anderson gave the benediction at the end of the service.

The Commission's work was completed and the Commission was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted, Rev. David Johnston

Annex F

Treasurer's report Awaiting Electronic Word Document

Annex G

Report of the Outreach Northeast Team

October 10, 2008

The ONE team continues to look for new opportunities to expand God's Kingdom. We are seeking qualified candidates for Church Planting. At the same time, we continue to oversee the works that are underway.

Communion Presbyterian-Irvine California. This work is eligible for the third year of the financial support we committed to them. There is word that they are willing to

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forgo the support. However, the committee wants to do some additional leg work to ascertain that we are doing what is best for the work in California. Currently there are about 60 people connected with that work.

Good News-Gilbert Arizona. Clyde Reed continues to serve this work. Attendance is between 25 and 40. The group continues to seek a qualified developer. Your committee has reviewed some data forms of potential candidates and to date we have not identified someone whom we can recommend as a Mission Developer for Good News. We are thankful for Rev Reeds faithful work in Arizona.

Christ ARP Grove City, PA. Worship has commenced and we have much to praise God for in the beginning of this work. Worship runs between 150 and 180. Giving is increasing in a good way. There is youth ministry to the community and the work is drawing people from the community. Our Mission Developer and his staff are being very careful to not draw people from other NAPARC churches. Christ Church has been invited to participate in the joint community serves in which the NAPARC churches show unity before the watching world.

Tri-State Community Church-New Cumberland, W VA. Evening Worship has begun with 17 at the initial service. The developer has completed all the assigned class run by Steve Childers. He and his wife were favorably assessed at our Assessment Center. In conjunction with their recommendations we are asking for an extended internship for Rick Anderson. It is our plan, to give supplemental support to this work with the view that we would be evaluating the progress in February 2009.

Ethnic Outreach-We are not in receipt of current reports from the Iranian and Korean church plants. It is our hope to develop a communication connection or mechanism by which we can give fuller detail on these works. We will be in touch with the Korean Fellowship and Church of the Atonement to correct these matters.

Recommendations: (Approved recommendations included at para. 081036-08103

Respectfully submitted,
Rev. James F. Wittke
Chairman

Annex H

Northeast Presbytery 2009 Budget Expenses

4010	Ecclesiastical Commission	250
4020	Stewardship Committee	200
4030	Nominations Committee	100
4040	Outreach Northeast Team	1,000
4050	Credentials Team	1,000
4060	Congregational Life Team	200
4070	Pastoral Support Team	1,250

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4080	01 Moderator of Presbytery	400
4080	02 Principal Clerk of Presbytery	1,500
4080	03 Treasurer of Presbytery	400
4090	Executive Committee	250
4100	World Witness Liaison	50
4110	Christian Education Liaison	50
4120	Spiritual Life Director	200
4130	Director of Communications	200
4150	02 Communion Presbyterian	
4150	05 Christ ARP	
4160	Women's Ministry	300