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## Stated Meeting Of the Northeast Presbytery, A.R.P.C. *Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church, Flushing, New York* *March 5-6, 2009*

Prior to the spring stated meeting of Northeast Presbytery (NEP), members of Presbytery met in the sanctuary of the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church, Flushing, N.Y. for a season of intercession. TE Peter Lee led the season of prayer. Following the prayer meeting, the members of the Presbytery enjoyed a supper provided by the Church.

- 090301 TE Ron Pritts, Moderator, called the Presbytery to order at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 5, 2009 and opened the meeting by reading Psalm 100. Moderator Pritts led in opening prayer.
- 090302 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 David R. Johnston	TE Ji Kag Pang
TE Alan Avera	TE Peter Kemeny	TE Ron Pritts
TE Young Han Bae	TE Hong Suk Kim	TE C. K. Rhee
TE Fred Carr	TE Peter Lee	TE Charles Roberts
TE Herschel Carlson	TE Sung Chui Lee	TE William Sutherland
TE Ryung Chun	TE Jae Hong Lim	TE James Wittke
TE Iain Duguid	TE H. Paul Matthews	TE Curtis J. Young
	TE Suk Ho Moon	TE Sung Sub Yim

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

TE Daniel Rhee  
TE Dong Ik (John) Hwang  
TE Jin K. Kim

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

RE Al Haenel, Ballston Center ARP Church  
RE Weston Robinson, Church of the Atonement  
RE Brian Tritt, Lifeline Community Church  
RE Stephen Manning, New Windsor ARP Church  
RE Lou Schilling, Kirkridge ARP Church

- 090303 The Program was presented. The Clerk noted that the Executive Committee recommended a slight modification of the Program from what is required by the Manual of Procedure (MOP). The Program was approved as amended.

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- 090304 The following guests were recognized during the course of the meeting of Presbytery: Sharon Carr, Young Chang Kim, Kate Kyung S. Kim, He Hyeon Kim, Je Young Lee, Jun Young Chung, and the following visiting brothers from the Pacific Presbytery, ARPC: Sean Kyung Sae Lee (Pastor, Jesus Tree church), Paul Taewoong Yoo (Pastor, Life Line Presbyterian Church of N.Y.) and Jim Hwa Kim (Pastor, Future Vision Church)
- 090305 TE Suk Ho Moon welcomed the Presbytery on behalf of the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church, offered assistance as needed, and introduced his staff.
- 090306 The Moderator introduced to the court, TE Peter Lee and TE C. K. Rhee, who served as Spiritual Directors during the meeting of Presbytery.
- 090307 The Moderator appointed the following committees:
- Resolutions: TE David Johnston, and TE S. C. Lee
- Review of Sessional Minutes: RE Steve Manning, TE Paul Matthews, TE Peter Kemeny, and TE C. K. Rhee
- 090308 The Moderator appointed RE Steve Manning to serve as Reading Clerk for the meeting.

### **EVENING WORSHIP**

- 090309 Having reached the order of the day, Presbytery observed a time of worship. Mr. Nathan Carlson preached a sermon based on Psalm 19. TE Moon officiated at the Lord's Supper. The Session of the Hyo Shin congregation served the Supper.
- 090310 The Moderator allowed for a time of announcements. The meeting recessed with prayer by the Moderator.

### **MORNING PRAYERS**

- 090311 Presbytery assembled at 8:00 a.m. on Friday, March 6 for fellowship and refreshments in the Hyo Shin Church. The members of the Presbytery joined in a season of prayer beginning at 8:30 a.m. under the direction of TE Peter Lee. The Moderator called the Presbytery to order at 10:30 a.m. and led in opening prayer

### **NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE**

- 090312 In the absence of TE GJ Gerard, Chairman of the Nominating Committee, the Executive Committee placed the following names in nomination all of whom were elected by unanimous vote:
- For Moderator (2009-2010): TE Ron Pritts
- For the Nominations Committee:
- Class of 2011: TE Alan Avera
- Class of 2012: TE Suk Ho Moon

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- 090313 A motion was made to ask the Nominations Committee to work with the newly elected members in order to come up with nominations for all Presbytery leadership vacancies. The motion was laid on the table.
- 090314 The following additional nominees of the Executive Committee's were presented to the Presbytery and were elected unanimously:
- Stewardship Committee
    - Class of 2011: RE Steve Manning
    - Class of 2012: TE Paul Matthews
    - Class of 2012: RE Jim Sinnema
  - Outreach Northeast
    - Class of 2012: TE Charles Roberts
- 090315 The previously tabled motion was lifted from the table, presented and approved. The Presbytery will await addition nominations from the Nominating Committee to be considered at its adjourned meeting at General Synod.

### THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 090316 The Principal Clerk presented the Minutes of the Executive Committee which met telephonically on Tuesday, Jan. 27, 2008 (see Annex A). Presbytery voted to ratify the Executive Committee's decision to provide a gift in the amount of \$6,000 to the Yae Dam Presbyterian church to assist them in repairing the basement heating system, and to send a mailing to Churches of Presbytery inviting additional gifts through Presbytery's Treasurer to be used for the repair of the upstairs heating system.
- 090317 The Clerk read the following letter of appreciation from the Yae Dam Church:

On behalf of the Yae Dam Presbyterian Church, I thank you and the presbytery again for your generosity. Thanks to your help, we will be able to solve our heating problems and spend the rest of the winter warm in our new church. When our church is able, we will also work to help small churches in need, just as the presbytery has helped us.  
May God bless you,  
Pastor Jae Hong Lim

### ECCLESIASTICAL COMMISSIONS

#### Commission of Encouragement

- 090318 TE David Johnston reported on behalf of the Commission of Encouragement to the Kirkridge Congregation (see Minutes 081011). Note was made that the Commission never formally met as a Commission, so there are no minutes. Presbytery voted to dismiss the Commission. TE Johnston led in prayer for the Kirkridge congregation and its officers, and pastor.

#### First Kirkridge Commission

- 090319 In regard to the first Kirkridge Commission of Presbytery, the Clerk moved that the Presbytery receive and post in its Minutes the following Record of the Case in lieu of

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the Minutes of the Commission, and that the Minutes be retained in the permanent records of the Principal Clerk:

- Minutes of the Fall Sated meeting of Presbytery (Oct. 11-12, 2007) pp. 3, 4, 10 and Appendix E;
- Minutes of the Spring Stated meeting of Presbytery (March 6, 7, 2008) p. 8 and Appendix J – 1 thru J – 4; and
- Minutes of the Fall Stated Meeting (Oct. 9 – 10, 2008) para. #081022.

The motion carried unanimously.

### **REPORT OF THE TREASURER**

- 090320 TE Paul Matthews presented the Treasurer's report for calendar year 2008 and a summary of financial activities during January and February 2009. TE Matthews asked congregations to clarify to the Treasurer any donations they made in 2008 intended for Outreach Northeast (ONE). The report was received as information.
- 090321 Presbytery voted that an instruction be given to the Treasurer that the proceeds from the sale of the Kingsborough Congregation and any interest received, are to be transferred from the Operations sub-account to the Outreach Northeast sub-account and be so designated in future reports, and that the Clerk communicate this to the Treasurer.
- 090322 A motion was made that Presbytery recommend to the Stewardship Committee that it include as a line item in future Presbytery budgets that \$5,000 be transferred from the Operations sub-account to the ONE sub-account. The motion carried.

### **REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL CLERK**

#### **Minutes of Past Meetings of Presbytery**

- 090323 The Principal Clerk presented the Minutes of the Fall Stated Meeting of Presbytery (Oct. 9-10, 2008) which were approved as presented.

#### **Amendments to the Manual of Procedure**

- 090324 The Reading Clerk, RE Steve Manning read the pending amendment to the Manual of Procedure, as follows:

- Appendix A. Presbytery's Rules and Expectations
- 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

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about those Sessional Minutes that need to be printed in Presbytery's Minutes will be translated into English.  
Presbytery voted to amend the Manual as indicated.

### REPORT OF PRESBYTERY'S LIAISONS

#### To World Witness

- 090325 In the absence of Presbytery's liaison to World Witness, TE David Galletta reported on the Mobile Theological Training Team (MT3) and on his current involvement in that ministry. TE Curt Young reported on his recent pastoral short term mission trip to the World Witness work in Turkey. A letter was read from TE Milad Doss about his recent continued ministry with Evangelism Explosion and his preparing training materials in the Arabic language.
- 090326 TE James Wittke introduced to the court, the following three visiting brothers from the Pacific Presbytery: Sean Kyung Sae Lee (Pastor, Jesus Tree Church), Paul Taewoong Yoo (Pastor, Life Line Presbyterian Church of N.Y.) and Jim Hwa Kim (Pastor, Future Vision Church). By common consent they were given the privilege of the floor.
- 090327 Having reached the order of the day for lunch, Presbytery recessed until 12:15 p.m. in order to dine at a local Korean restaurant. Presbytery reconvened at 1:45 p.m. and was led in prayer by the Moderator.

#### To Christian Education

- 090328 It was moved that Northeast Presbytery direct its Christian Education liaison to request Synod's Christian Education Committee to investigate the feasibility of Synod offering a summer camp or mission work week for high school students in the northeast and the liaison report back any answer or finding, to the Presbytery. The motion was discussed and carried.

### REPORTS OF MINISTRY TEAMS

#### Outreach Northeast Team

- 090329 TE James Wittke reported on behalf of the Outreach Northeast Ministry Team. It was moved that a commission of Presbytery including Teaching Elders Alan Avera, Clyde Reed, James Wittke and the Ruling Elders of Communion Presbyterian Mission be appointed to examine candidates to serve as provisional elders, and if the way be clear, hold a service of ordination and appointment of these additional elders to the Session of Communion Presbyterian Mission. The motion passed.
- 090330 It was moved that Presbytery approve of \$50,000 from ONE funds be designated for the support of the Tri-State Community Fellowship (mission), and that it be provided to the mission as follows: \$25,000 first year, \$17,000 second year, and \$8,000 third year; and that NEP petition Outreach North America for a support supplement of \$90,000, to be distributed over three years as follows: \$45,000 first year, \$29,997 second year, and \$15,003 third year; and that, if the way be clear, NEP extend a call to Rick Anderson to serve as a mission developer – the call and supplemental support to commence July 1, 2009. The motion passed.

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- 090331 It was moved that five minutes of floor time be extended to TE Alan Avera, Director of ONA. The motion passed. TE Avera addressed the Presbytery about the denomination's ONA ministries.
- 090332 It was moved that RE Charles Newton be thanked for his willingness to serve on ONE and that he be relieved from further service on ONE. The motion passed.
- 090333 It was move that Lifeline Church be thanked for their work in assisting in the beginnings of the Tri-State Community Fellowship (mission). The motion passed.
- 090334 Presbytery voted to receive the report as a whole.

### **Credentials Team**

- 090335 TE Bill Sutherland presented the report and recommendations of the Credentials Team. He introduced to the Presbytery, Rev. Rhee, Rev. Kim, and Rev. Hwang who had previously been received "under care of the Presbytery" (see #081030), and indicated that they had been examined by the Credentials Team and were being recommended for "full membership" in the Presbytery.
- 090336 Recommendation 1. That Northeast Presbytery examine Rev. Daniel Rhee and receive him as a member of Northeast presbytery, pending receipt of a letter of transfer from the Eastern New York Presbytery of the Korean American Presbyterian Church, the reception of his full terms of call, and the transfer of Holy Fire Presbyterian Church into Northeast Presbytery; and with the agreement that he will submit a short paper (5 double-spaced pages or less) on the history of the A.R.P. to the Credentials Team by the time of the General Synod in June 2009. TE Sutherland led the examination of Rev. Rhee. The examination was arrested by common consent. Rev. Rhee left the room as the Presbytery voted to receive him into full membership.
- 090337 Recommendation 2. That Northeast Presbytery examine Rev. Jin Kwan Kim and receive him as a member of Northeast presbytery, pending receipt of a letter of transfer from the Eastern New York Presbytery of the Korean American Presbyterian Church, the reception of his full terms of call, and the transfer of Flock Presbyterian Church into Northeast presbytery; and with the agreement that he will submit a short paper (5 double-spaced pages or less) on the history of the A.R.P. to the Credentials Team by the time of the General Synod in June 2009. TE Sutherland led the examination of Rev. Kim. The examination was arrested by common consent. Rev. Kim left the room as the Presbytery voted to receive him into full membership.
- 090338 Recommendation 3. That Northeast Presbytery examine Rev. Dong Ik (John) Hwang and receive him as a member of Northeast presbytery, pending receipt of a letter of transfer from the Eastern New York Presbytery of the Korean American Presbyterian Church, the reception of his full terms of call, and the transfer of New Vision Church into Northeast presbytery; and with the agreement that he will submit a short paper (5 double-spaced pages or less) on the history of the A.R.P. to the Credentials Team by the

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time of the General Synod in June 2009. TE Sutherland led the examination of Rev. Hwang. The examination was arrested by common consent. Rev. Hwang left the room as the Presbytery voted to receive him into full membership.

090339 Recommendation 4. That the sermon preached by Nathan Carlson, Student of Theology/Candidate for the Ministry, on March 5, 2009 count toward meeting the preaching requirement for licensure in Northeast Presbytery.

090340 TE Sutherland introduced the Presbytery, Chang Taek Jeong, currently in ministry at the Joyful Church. He indicated that Mr. Jeong had been examined by the Credentials Team and was recommended to the Presbytery.

Recommendation 5. That Mr. Jeong be examined for ordination and installation as an Associate Minister in the Joyful Church. TE Sutherland led the examination of Mr. Jeong. The examination was arrested by common consent. Mr. Jeong left the room as Presbytery voted to receive him, ordain and install him.

090341 TE Sutherland moved that the Moderator appoint a commission to work with the Joyful Church to obtain the terms of call and proceed to ordain and install Mr. Jeong. The motion passed.

090342 TE Sutherland moved that a commission of Presbytery be formed, composed of TEs Alan Avera, Curt Young, C.K. Rhee, David Johnston and Ron Pritts, to develop a protocol to be used in the future by the Presbytery to insure a smooth transition of Korean pastors and churches wishing to affiliate with NEP. This commission will work with the Holy Fire Presbyterian Church, Flock Presbyterian Church, and New Vision Church to bring them into full membership in the Presbytery. The motion passed.

090343 Presbytery voted to receive the report as a whole.

### **Pastoral Support and Development Team**

090344 TE Fred Carr reported on behalf of the Pastoral Support and Development Team. He indicated that plans were being made for a day of fellowship and encouragement to be held at the New Windsor Church, New Windsor, Maryland on Wednesday, March 25, 2009. He reported on Candidates Jeff Workman, Erik Meberg and Javad Pishgahadamian.

090345 Note was made that requests for excused absences were received from the following members of the Presbytery: Teaching Elders G.J. Gerard, Ron Bell, Carlos Concha, Milton Fisher, Tony Cowley and Kent Moorlach and Ruling Elder representatives from the Communion Presbyterian Church. The report as a whole was received.

### **Congregational Life Team**

090346 TE Herschel Carlson and TE Peter Lee, co-leaders of the Congregational Life Team, reported on behalf of their team. It was recommended that the following two churches of Presbytery – The Kwang-Myung Church of NY, Inc. and the Holy Grace ARP

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Church of Long Island – be dissolved in accord with FOG III., G. They reported that worship services of these congregations have ceased and that those attending have moved to other churches. There is no indication of any church property or official records or rolls that need to be dealt with. Presbytery voted to dissolve these congregations.

- 090347 Report was made that the Rochester Bethel Presbyterian Church, a member of Pacific Presbytery, under the pastoral leadership of TE Young Han Bae (a member of NEP) is considering a request to move its membership to NEP.
- 090348 It was moved that TE Ryung Chun, formerly Stated Supply of the Holy Grace Church, be carried on the rolls of Presbytery as without call.
- 090349 TE Carlson moved that the 2009 budget be amended to include an amount not to exceed \$1,000 for the Congregational Life Team, to enable one or more of them to visit the Korean churches new to the Presbytery to provide them with guidance and encouragement. The motion passed.
- 090350 Presbytery voted to receive the report as a whole.

### **MODERATOR'S COMMITTEES**

#### **Committee on Resolutions**

- 090351 TE David Johnston presented the following report of the Committee on Resolutions which was unanimously, enthusiastically received.

Be it resolved that the Northeast Presbytery give thanks  
First to Almighty God for His gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our great Lord and Head of the Church;  
And that we give thanks to God for these blessings in the meeting of Presbytery

- For Hyo Shin Church, Pastor Moon and the staff who proved to be thoughtful and generous in their hospitality for this meeting, including snacks, coffee and two wonderful meals at local restaurants;
- For the leadership of TEs Peter Lee and C.K.Rhee as Spiritual Directors in our worship and sharing time;
- For the sermon of Nathan Carlson and the leadership in Holy Communion by TE Moon;
- For the able and devoted service of our Moderator, Ron Pritts, our Principal Clerk, Fred Carr, and the chairmen and team leaders of our various teams and committees.

By this resolution we give thanks and praise to God for these and many other blessings.

TE David Johnston  
TE S. C. Lee

#### **Committee on the Review of Minutes of Session**

- 090352 RE Steve Manning presented a report on behalf of the Committee on the Review of

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Minutes of Session. Of the Churches asked to present their Session Minutes for review, the following were presented: Lifeline Church, Faith Church (MD), Kirkridge Church, Ballston Center Church, New Windsor Church and Global Vision Church. The Committee reported that notation was made to several administrative procedures that did not follow the MOP, but no exceptions were taken to actions or decisions of Sessions. The report was received as information.

### NEXT MEETINGS

090353 Note was made of the next regular meetings of Presbytery:

Adjourned Meeting, June 10, 2009 Bonclarken, Flat Rock, NC  
Fall Stated Meeting, Oct. 8-9, 2009 Piney Creek Church, Taneytown, MD

### ADJOURNMENT

090354 Having completed its work, Presbytery joined in singing Psalm 133 following which the Apostolic Benediction was pronounced. Presbytery adjourned until June 10, 2009.

Annex A

## MINUTES

The Executive Committee  
Of Northeast Presbytery, A.R.P. C.  
Tuesday, January 27, 2009

1. The Executive Committee of Northeast Presbytery met at the call of the Chairman, Rev. Ron Pritts, at 2:00 p.m. on Tuesday, January 27, 2009. The meeting was called to respond to a request from Rev. Jae Hong Lim, and the Yae Dam Presbyterian Church for financial help regarding the heating system in the Church (see below).
2. The following members of the Executive Committee were present: Rev. Ron Pritts, Rev. Fred Carr, Rev. Bill Sutherland, Rev. Peter Lee, Rev. Paul Matthews, Rev. Kent Moorlach, Rev. Herschel Carlson, and Rev. David Johnston. Also joining the meeting as guests were Rev. C. K. Rhee and Rev. and Mrs. Jae Hong Lim. A quorum was declared to be present.
3. Rev. Johnston led in opening prayer.
4. Rev. Carr reminded the Committee of the provision of the Manual of Procedure 4.04 which empowers the Committee "to act in behalf of the presbytery in all routine matters of business." After some discussion, the Committee determined that the issues being addressed are routine to the life of the Church.
5. Rev. Pritts reviewed the history of the discussion of the Church's problem.
6. Rev. Matthews reported that he had consulted with Mr. Bill Lewis, Presbytery's Treasurer, who indicates that finances are available in the general account of Presbytery to provide assistance in the amount of that requested by the Yae Dam Church.
7. It was moved and seconded to provide a gift in the amount of \$6,000 to the Yae Dam Presbyterian Church to assist them in repairing the basement heating system. It is expected that they will submit receipts to verify the expenditure of the gift for the purpose intended by the Executive Committee. The motion passed unanim-

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ously.

8. Note was made that this would only address the heating in the basement and that the upstairs worship center has an unreliable heating system.
9. It was moved that the Principal Clerk be directed to prepare and mail a letter to Churches of Presbytery informing them of the need of the Yae Dam Church, of the decision of the Executive Committee to respond with a one-time gift of \$6,000 and to request local congregations to send additional gifts through Presbytery's Treasurer (with notation indicating the gift is for the Yae Dam heating system). Donations would be used to repair the upstairs heating system. The motion passed.
10. Having completed the business of the call, several announcements were made and the Committee closed with prayer by Rev. Matthews.

Request from  
Yae Dam Presbyterian Church

*Greetings Pastor Carr,*

*Yae Dam Presbyterian and I joined Northeast Presbytery a year and a half ago. At that time, we held all church services at my home. We found our current church space last August, and after a few months of renovations, we held our first service in the new building in October of 2008. I was very grateful that both Pastor Gerard and Pastor Alan Avera were able to visit and congratulate us.*

*The basement of our church, where our youth group rooms as well as kitchen and dining space are located, has no heating. Our main chapel on the first floor has an unreliable heating system that actually shut down last Sunday. We have small children in our church and this heating issue is a serious problem that unfortunately, we are not financially able to solve ourselves. Just to install a heating system in our basement only, which is 1700 sq ft, it will cost about \$5,000-\$6,000.*

*Please help us.*

*Thank you,  
Jae Hong Lim*