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# **Spring Stated Meeting of the Northeast Presbytery, ARPC**

**March 7-8, 2019**

**at Jesuwon Community Church  
Horsham, PA**

- 190301      On Thursday, March 7, 2019, the members of the Northeast Presbytery (NEP) of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (ARPC) assembled at 4:00 PM at Jesuwon Community Church in Horsham, PA for a time of prayer. Rev. Bill Sutherland led us in praying for one another, for our churches and ministries, and in praising the Lord. At 5:00 PM, we were dismissed for dinner.
- 190302      The Moderator, Rev. Dr. Ridge Orr, called the Presbytery to order at 7:01 PM, beginning with prayer.
- 190303      The Principal Clerk, Rev. Jonathan Kuciemba, reviewed the roll of Presbytery. Over the course of the meeting, the following were enrolled:

## **Ministers List**

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| 1) Alan Avera           | 19) Joshua Kitchen     |
| 2) Steven Badorf        | 20) Jonathan Kuciemba  |
| 3) Bongkyun (Andy) Bang | 21) Peter Lee          |
| 4) Nathan Beard         | 22) Jae Hong Lim       |
| 5) James Bills          | 23) Terence Little     |
| 6) Herschel Carlson     | 24) Paul Matthews      |
| 7) Fredrick Carr        | 25) Ridge Orr          |
| 8) David Choi           | 26) Young Su Park      |
| 9) Young Hwa Chung      | 27) Ronald Pritts      |
| 10) Anthony Cowley      | 28) Daniel Rhee        |
| 11) Iain Duguid         | 29) William Sutherland |
| 12) G. J. Gerard        | 30) Jack VanDyk        |
| 13) Matthew Harmon      | 31) Robert Whittet     |
| 14) Chang Taek Jeong    | 32) Paul Yoo           |
| 15) David Johnston      | 33) Sungjong Yoon      |
| 16) Peter Kemeny        | 34) Curtis Young       |
| 17) Hong Suk Kim        | 35) Herand Zargarian   |
| 18) Jong Chul Kim       |                        |

## **Elders Sent as Delegates List**

- 1) From Ballston Center ARP Church, James Furey
- 2) From Church of the Atonement, Thomas Scibek

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- 3) From Joyful Church of New York, Young Gyu Kang

**Students of Theology List**

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| 1) Nathan Carlson  | 4) Pip Mohr       |
| 2) Collin Gingrich | 5) Seth Philbrick |
| 3) Kevin Kaye      |                   |

**The following ministers asked to be excused:**

Rick Anderson	Young Chang Kim
Lane Creamer	Jay McMillen (retired)
Jason Crenshaw	Erik Meberg
David Galetta	Suk Ho Moon
Dong-Won Han	Bengy Willford
John Hoeprich (retired)	

- 190304 The Clerk declared that a quorum was not present due to the lack of a sufficient number of elders at the meeting. He recommended that we proceed according to the guidelines laid out in NEP's Manual of Procedure (MOP), specifically MOP 4.05. Rev. Ron Pritts objected that the section in MOP 4.05 which specifies the Executive Committee's authority to ratify actions of presbytery taken at stated meetings at which there was no quorum was never properly approved, nor could it be since the idea was out of order.
- 190305 After some discussion, it was decided that the Moderator would call a telephonic meeting of NEP to ratify the actions taken at this meeting, and that the issue of ratifying actions taken without a quorum be looked into.
- 190306 The Clerk then presented the program, as **RECOMMENDED** by the Executive Committee. Fred Carr requested that five minutes be given to Mr. Kevin Kaye, a student of theology under care of NEP from whom we had not heard for a number of years, to update the presbytery as to his current sense of a call to ministry and pursuit of theological studies. The **MOTION** to amend was **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**, and the program was **APPROVED**, as amended.
- 190307 Various guests were introduced to the presbytery. The following were registered during the course of the meeting:

**Guest List**

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| 1) Mike Emlet       | 7) Ijaz Nathaniel |
| 2) Brandon Peterson | 8) Randy Marcoz   |
| 3) Jonny Finlayson  | 9) Brent Turner   |
| 4) Dave Swavely     | 10) Leon Brown    |
| 5) Joan Pritts      | 11) Bonifacio Lee |
| 6) Rebekah Mohr     |                   |

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- 190308 Since Rev. S.J. Yoon of the host congregation was unavailable at this time, the welcome from the host congregation was postponed until later in the evening.

**The Moderator's Appointments**

- 190309 The Moderator introduced Rev. Nathan Beard as the Spiritual Life Director for this meeting.
- 190310 The Moderator appointed Rev. Bill Sutherland to serve as the Moderator's Committee on Resolutions for this meeting, after Rev. Sutherland responded to a request for a volunteer.
- 190311 The Moderator appointed Rev. Herschel Carlson to supervise the review of session minutes on a special committee, since the Congregational Life Team is currently in a rebuilding phase. After a call for volunteers to assist Rev. Carlson, Rev. Tony Cowley and Rev. Josh Kitchen volunteered to serve on the special committee.
- 190312 The Moderator appointed Rev. Steven Badorf to be the Reading Clerk for this meeting after he responded to a request for a volunteer.

**Executive Committee Report**

- 190313 The Principal Clerk presented the report of the Executive Committee, highlighting a few points relevant to the recommendations. The report follows here:

*NEP Executive Committee Meeting Minutes  
February 12, 2019*

*On Tuesday, February 12, 2019, members of the Executive Committee of the Northeast Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church (NEP) met telephonically at the request of Moderator Ridge Orr to approve the agenda for the Spring 2019 Stated Meeting of NEP.*

*The meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 2:04 PM. Nathan Beard led us in prayer.*

*The following members of the EC were present at the meeting:*

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| <i>1) Alan Avera</i>        | <i>7) John Meier</i>       |
| <i>2) Nathan Beard</i>      | <i>8) Ridge Orr</i>        |
| <i>3) Matt Harmon</i>       | <i>9) Daniel Rhee</i>      |
| <i>4) Peter Kemeny</i>      | <i>10) Bill Sutherland</i> |
| <i>5) Jonathan Kuciemba</i> | <i>11) Bob Whittet</i>     |
| <i>6) Paul Matthews</i>     |                            |

*Therefore, a quorum was present.*

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*Daniel Rhee reported on the status of the organization of Jesuwon Community Church, including their elder training and election, as well as the status of Grace Presbyterian Church of New Jersey and their continued desire to leave the ARP, with Rev. Han's continued desire to remain ordained in the ARP while serving as their pastor.*

*Matt Harmon reported on the items coming through the credentials team, including two transfers into the presbytery and a prospective licensure by Jonny Finlayson.*

*Peter Kemeny prayed for the Jesuwon and Grace churches, for the ministers transferring in, and for Jonny as he prepares his licensure sermon. He then reported on the items coming through the ONE committee, including a couple of likely church planting proposals at this meeting.*

*Bob Whittet requested that his time at Presbytery be yielded in its entirety to Brent Turner, the executive director of CEM. He also reported on his progress in pursuing someone to make a new NEP website. He has corresponded extensively with a representative of Arise Technologies, with whom he has worked in the past, and secured a deal for an attractive website, with design, hosting, posting, etc., all included for \$2,100 upfront and \$500/yr each subsequent year for maintenance, hosting, and ongoing updates as needed.*

***MOTION:*** *Alan Avera moved that the Executive Committee recommend to NEP that we engage the services of Arise Technologies to develop a Presbytery website. **Seconded and Carried.***

*Bill Sutherland reported on the special committee to visit Christian Center Ministries. Their findings were discussed at length. A suggestion was made that the committee include concrete recommendations for the Presbytery to act on in their report.*

*Paul Matthews prayed for ONE and the proposals coming through the committee, the CCM visitation committee and the CCM church, World Witness and the 2-2-20 initiative, CEM, and the proposed NEP website.*

*John Meier gave an update on the Crenshaw family and the Ballston Center ARP Church. Many encouraging things are happening, but they still greatly appreciate our prayers.*

*Paul Matthews reported that according to our treasurer, we ended 2018 about \$7,000 in the black. Praise the Lord for His provision!*

***MOTION:*** *Jonathan Kuciemba moved that the Executive Committee extend an official invitation to Dr. Mike Emler, Brent Turner, Steve Nichols, and Rev. Leon Brown to address the presbytery at our Spring Stated Meeting.*

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***Seconded and Carried.***

***MOTION:*** Jonathan Kuciemba moved that we respond to a request from central services about the presbyteries' needs for meeting space with an affirmative, that NEP would like space to meet before the meeting of synod this summer at Geneva College.

***Seconded and Carried.***

***MOTION:*** Daniel Rhee moved that we approve the request of the Joyful Church of NY to borrow a provisional elder from the Beautiful Disciples Church until another elder from Joyful Church can be ordained. ***Seconded and Carried.***

***MOTION:*** Jonathan Kuciemba moved that the Executive Committee recommend the agenda discussed for the Spring Stated Meeting for approval by the presbytery.

***Seconded and Carried.***

*Alan Avera closed us in prayer at 3:28 pm.*

***MOTION:*** to adjourn. ***Seconded and Carried.***

***RECOMMENDATIONS:***

***#1:*** That NEP engage the services of Arise Technologies to develop a Presbytery website.

***#2:*** That NEP affirm the action of the Executive Committee in appointing an elder from Beautiful Disciples Church to serve temporarily on the session of the Joyful Church of NY for the purposes of ordaining a second elder from Joyful Church of NY.

***#3:*** That this report be received as information.

190314 **RECOMMENDATION #1** was tabled until Friday, when Rev. Bob Whittet could be present to speak to the recommendation and answer any questions.

190315 **RECOMMENDATIONS #2 & #3** were **APPROVED**.

**ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Special Committee to Draft a Memorial to General Synod**

190316 Rev. G.J. Gerard presented the report of the Special Committee to Draft a Memorial to General Synod. The report of that committee, with the memorial, follows here:

*MEMORIAL TO GENERAL SYNOD  
(For approval by Northeast Presbytery)*

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*Prepared by the Moderator's Appointed Committee of NEP: Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman, Rev. John Hoeprich, Rev. Robert Whittet, Rev. Joshua Kitchen, and Rev. Daniel Rhee*

*Northeast Presbytery, ARPC, respectfully memorializes the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to establish a Special Committee to give study to and to make recommendations for revisions to Chapter Nine (The Minister) of the **Form of Government (FOG)**, with particular attention given to the following:*

- A. Identify and increase the personal accountability and responsibility of all ministers to the presbytery in which they are a member.*
- B. Provide for the position of Assistant Pastor serving in local churches and being a member of a particular presbytery.*
- C. Clarify the responsibilities and authorities of ministers serving as missionaries of the ARPC or other non-ARPC mission agencies.*

*Concerning Item A:*

*Personal accountability by and for ordained ministers is a necessity in today's society. Presbytery oversight of the ministers on its rolls needs to be clearly identified to insure there is proper accountability and fulfillment of responsibilities for all of its members. Several sister denominations (i.e. NAPARC churches) include clear language in their standards providing for regular reports and other procedures to aid their presbyteries to provide oversight and maintain accountability for all enrolled ministers. The current **FOG** does not give special attention to this need. It is the desire of Northeast Presbytery that revisions be made to the **FOG** to aid the presbyteries in fulfilling their responsibility to properly oversee and provide accountability for the fulfillment of responsibilities by all ministers who are members of the presbytery.*

*Concerning Item B.*

*There is no provision in the current **FOG** for the position of an Assistant Pastor. This position is recognized by several sister denominations. The position is typically filled by a man for a limited period of time and with specific responsibilities (i.e., "youth pastor," "pastor of visitation," etc. Assistant Pastors are members of the presbytery in which they serve. Assistant Pastors are typically called by the Session of a local church with congregational approval. Presently there are Korean ARP churches which have Assistant Pastors on their staffs, however such men are not members of the local presbytery. It is the desire of Northeast Presbytery that the position of Assistant Pastor be added to the authorized Responsibilities Of A Minister which are listed in Chapter Nine of the **FOG**.*

*Concerning Item C.*

*The current language in the **FOG** concerning the role of a minister as a missionary are both extremely broad with regard to authorities given to a missionary, as well as unclear as to a missionary's responsibility and accountability to his presbytery.*

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*Contemporary technology can provide for closer involvement of presbyteries in the work of missionaries and reduce the wide latitude of authority given to missionaries. Further, differences should be noted regarding authorities and responsibilities given to missionaries serving as ARPC missionaries (i.e., under an ARP Board or Agency) and ministers who are serving as missionaries of other non-ARP agencies. Northeast Presbytery desires that increased clarity and revisions be made to the **FOG** regarding the responsibilities and authorities for ministers serving as missionaries.*

190317 After much discussion, especially concerning point B, the **RECOMMENDATION** of the committee to send this memorial to the Synod, was **APPROVED**.

190318 Finding ourselves at the order of the day, the Moderator welcomed Mr. Kevin Kaye to the floor of NEP to share where he is in his spiritual life and his sense of call to ministry. At the Moderator's request, Rev. Ian Duguid offered prayer for Kevin Kaye and for the Memorial to General Synod.

### **ORDER OF THE DAY**

190319 At 7:58 PM, the Moderator called for a two to four-minute break in anticipation of the Order of the Day for worship.

190320 The assembly then welcomed several from Jesuwon Community Church and other Presbytery guests to join us in worshipping the Lord together. Rev. Nathan Beard presided over the first part of the service, with Rev. Tony Cowley and Rev. Beard providing musical accompaniment. Mr. Jonathan Finlayson preached on Philippians 1:3-6, "Perseverance and Thankfulness for God's Work", and Rev. Curt Young officiated the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, with assistance from Elders Young Gyu Kang and Tom Scibek, and Rev. Peter Kemeny, in distributing the elements.

190321 After worship, Rev. S.J. Yoon welcomed the Presbytery to Jesuwon Community Church and invited all to stay after the worship service for a time of fellowship with snacks and refreshments provided by the church.

190322 The Moderator then dismissed us for the evening.

### **FRIDAY**

190323 In keeping with the Order of the Day, NEP gathered at 8:30 a.m. to hear from Dr. Mike Emlet of the Christian Counseling Education Foundation. Rev. Steven Badorf led us in the singing of "Holy, Holy, Holy" and then requested that a few people pray to start the day. Rev. Jonathan Kuciemba, Rev. Alan Avera, and Rev. Jim Bills offered prayers.

190324 Rev. Badorf then introduced the speaker, Dr. Emlet from CCEF. Dr. Emlet spoke until 9:30 a.m., giving an overview of CCEF and sharing specific principles of counseling, especially related to mental health issues. After speaking, he took a few questions from the floor. Rev. Badorf closed the time with prayer. The Moderator gave a seven minute break.

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- 190325 At the Moderator's request, Rev. Fred Carr reconvened NEP with prayer at 9:46 AM.
- 190326 The Moderator began the morning session by encouraging the presbyters to bring Elder delegates to meetings of NEP so that we can have a quorum. He emphasized a need to be proactive in getting Elders involved in the work of NEP.
- 190327 Rev. G.J. Gerard introduced Rev. Young Hwa Chung, a missionary to Argentina who is a member of the NEP. Rev. Chung is the director of the Antioch Spiritual Training Center in Buenos Aires. He has a son who is a student of theology who plans to seek to become a candidate for ministry in the NEP in the fall, Lord willing.

**ECCLESIASTICAL COMMITTEE REPORTS CONTINUED**

**Special Committee to Visit Christian Center Ministries**

- 190328 The Moderator presented the Special Committee to Visit Christian Center Ministries ARP Church (CCM), beginning with a request that Rev. Jack Van Dyk of CCM share his thoughts on what has been taking place. Rev. Van Dyk had nothing to report at this time. The report of the committee follows here:

*Report: NEP Committee visit to the CCM ARP church*

*Committee Members: Hershel Carlson, Tony Cowley, Bill Sutherland and Ridge Orr*

- *On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, 2019, Tony Cowley and Ridge Orr traveled to Fairfax, VA to meet up with Rev. Jack Van Dyk and Elder Mike Martin of the Christian Center Ministries (CCM) ARP church. We spent time with Jack and his wife Sue on a Saturday afternoon and then in the evening with Mike and Jack to learn more about the history and current status of CCM.*
- *The next morning, Feb. 3<sup>rd</sup>, Tony and Ridge attended both the 9:30am morning adult study hour (total of 6 in attendance) and then the 10:30 am worship service of CCM proper (total of 9 in attendance).*
- *After worship there was an informal time of introduction to members, and then we convened a requested congregational meeting from 12:15 -2:00 pm. A 3<sup>rd</sup> committee member, Hershel Carlson, also joined for this meeting. During the congregational meeting, the conversation focused mainly on each of the member's perception of the strengths and weaknesses of CCM.*
- *Finally, with the arrival of our 4<sup>th</sup> member Bill S, the committee met for an extended time with Jack and Mike from approximately 2:00 - 4:30 pm in the afternoon. During the extended time with Jack and Mike, we addressed a few issues of the CCM that arose from previous conversations and the Saturday night's perusal of 2018 church minutes.*
- *There has been considerable difference between the pastor and the elder regarding how to deal with certain financial matters. There were improprieties which were addressed, and admitted. The two leaders found some common ground and there was at least initial reconciliation. The committee and local leaders agree that these actions*



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*came about, at least partly, due to an informal mode of handling church business. Indeed, the pastor and elder both stated they would handle such matters with more communication and in accord with a more standard method of financial oversight.*

- *During our times of conversation and meetings several issues were partially clarified for the committee to begin to act upon:*

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1. ***Issue:*** *The CCM leadership church session has consisted of only Jack and Mike for the past 3 years. This indicates that both the NEP and the CCM leadership have fallen short in our joint responsibility to provide adequate supervision for the church.*

***Action:*** *As regular session meetings have not occurred, in retrospect to decisions made Jack has written his own personal record of minutes. Two of our committee members were briefly able to review these. The NEP will seek to provide additional leadership to re-establish a regular, proper, monthly session meeting.*

***Recommendation:*** *Elder Tom Martin and Rev Tony Cowley be appointed to take on this responsibility of provisional session members on behalf of the NEP. This should commence as of March 2019.*

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2. ***Issue:*** *Once granted permission by NEP for CCM to sell off its properties several years back, all the transactions and financial agreements with the Ethiopian Church appear to have been handled exclusively by Elder Mike. It seems that for a long time Elder Mike has consistently acted in a capacity that lacks proper checks and balances. If this is so, it reveals a situation that needs to be corrected for the CCM church.*

***Action:*** *Once a proper provisional session can be established, there must be adequate transparency provided for decisions made. In addition, documents need to be revisited by the provisional session to attain an accurate assessment of the history and current status of the church.*

***Recommendation:*** *We recommend that the duly constituted provisional session look into the matter of fiscal responsibility. This should include clear transparency of documents pertaining to the sale of the former CCM properties.*

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3. ***Issue:*** *Though regular Sunday Bible study and worship take place, the congregation has been in decline and become stagnant in the area of growth for at least the past 5 years. In speaking about this with congregants, though each congregant expressed positive ways in which they find the teaching and preaching, love and fellowship of their small congregation meets many of their spiritual and interpersonal needs, the congregation nevertheless lacks any clear and collective vision for outreach.*

***Action:*** *Jack and Herschel have recently contacted Alan Avera and looked into what Christianity Explored might offer to assist in overcoming the CCM church's inertia. Herschel Carlson agreed to assist the church in giving them advice / helpful oversight in this dimension of church life.*

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***Recommendation:*** *That Herschel and Jack report back to the NEP at our Fall 2019 meeting concerning accomplished or intended church plans for outreach / evangelism.*

- 190332 The Moderator brought a modification to Recommendation #1 from the Committee: That Rev. Tony Cowley be appointed to the committee as an advisory member only, not as a voting member.
- 190333 There was much discussion regarding the proposed modification and recommendation #1 in general. Discussion revolved around the desire to follow the FOG to the letter, especially in case the issues of CCM were to be brought before a court of law, but there was some confusion and a general dissatisfaction with the ambiguity of the FOG in certain places. Discussion therefore included whether CCM should continue to be considered an organized church or whether it should be considered a mission church in light of the realities on the ground as well as in light of the need to appoint elders from outside the congregation in order to constitute a session for the church, what the requirements in the FOG were regarding a fully-constituted session, who is eligible to serve on a provisional session, whether or not the moderator of a session was allowed to vote in a session meeting, and other points. After much discussion, it was requested that the Principal Clerk communicate with the Parliamentarian of Synod on some of these questions.
- 190334 In light of the discussion, a **MOTION** was made to amend the recommendation to read “that Elder Tom Martin be appointed to take on responsibility of provisional elder and Rev. Tony Cowley be appointed as an advisory member of the session of CCM on behalf of the NEP, in accordance with the principle of FOG 10.3, Paragraph S. This should commence as of March 2019.” **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**. **RECOMMENDATION #1**, as amended, was then **APPROVED**.
- 190335 On Recommendation #2, there was discussion regarding how best to encourage CCM to be accountable for their finances. Rev. Jim Bills spoke positively to elder Tom Martin’s qualifications and ability to help CCM regardless of the outcome of this vote.
- 190336 Rev. G.J. Gerard made a **MOTION** to call for the question, which was **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- 190337 **RECOMMENDATION #2 FAILED.**
- 190338 **RECOMMENDATION #3** was **APPROVED** with far less discussion.
- 190339 Rev. Alan Avera offered prayer for CCM ARP Church, for Rev. Jack Van Dyk and the session, for the Lord’s grace and wisdom, courage and grace in relating to one another, and for blessing on CCM’s future ministry.

**Report of the Principal Clerk**

- 190340 The Principal Clerk began with the approval of the minutes of the Fall Stated Meeting. **MOTION** to approve was **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

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- 190341 The Clerk gave a review of correspondence received. He first reminded the presbytery that the meeting of the General Synod will not be at Bonclarken this year. Synod will be meeting at Geneva College in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He reminded each delegate to register themselves and any guests they are bringing in advance. He also emphasized the need for Elder delegates to register and attend (currently only two-thirds necessary for a quorum have registered). The NEP was exhorted to strongly encourage Elders of NEP to attend Synod.
- 190342 The Clerk announced that there will be an event for pastors' wives at General Synod which is being organized by Mrs. Kat Kuciemba and Mrs. Joan Pritts. The e-mail addresses were given for Mrs. Kuciemba and Mrs. Pritts for any questions and information: j.k.kuciemba@gmail.com and joanpritts@hotmail.com
- 190343 The Principal Clerk then turned to the reading of the proposed amendments to the MOP. The Moderator called the Reading Clerk forward, who gave the second reading for all 16 proposed amendments, which follow here:

***Proposed Amendments to the NEP Manual of Procedure (MOP)***  
*Second Reading, March 2019*

*New text is indicated by underlining. Old text to be removed is indicated by ~~strikethrough~~.*

***#1: Chapter 3, Section B, Paragraph 3.04 (j)***

*Change to read: Appoint Moderators for Sessions of vacant churches ~~and provisional sessions~~ upon consultation with members of the Presbytery.*

***#2: Chapter 3, Section B, Paragraph 3.04 (k)***

*Add text to read: Appoint Moderators for Provisional Sessions upon consultation with members of the Presbytery.*

***#3: Chapter 4, Section A, Paragraph 4.02 Membership***

*Add to the membership: Chairman of the Trustees, Chairman of the Korean Transition and Administrative Commission*

***#4: Chapter 4, Section A, Paragraph 4.05, sub-paragraphs (f) and (g)***

*Change to read:*

- f) Functioning as a commission of Presbytery in accord with para. 4.04, review ~~the any unapproved Minutes of the previous meetings of Presbytery which have not been approved of at which no quorum was present~~ and ratify actions taken at that meeting (those meetings) or take such actions that the Committee deems appropriate.*
- g) Review the Draft Minutes of previous meetings of Presbytery within one month after the meeting, to approve those Minutes as presented, or to ~~perfect correct~~ those Minutes in order to approve those Minutes as amended.*

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**#5: Chapter 4, Section C, Paragraph 4.13 Duties**

Add new sub-paragraph (e) and change existing (e) to (f).

New sub-paragraph (e) to read: "Inform the Presbytery of voluntary commitments of each congregation by including this information in the reports of the Treasurer."

**#6: Chapter 5, Paragraph 5.01**

Change line 6 to read "for a ~~two (2)~~ three (3) year term."

**#7: Chapter 6, Section B Credentials Team**

Add new paragraph, labeled 6.07, which will read: "Team Leader. The Credentials Team Chairman will be co-liaison with the Synod's Committee on the Minister and His Work." Subsequent paragraphs in this chapter would have their numbers adjusted accordingly.

**#8: Chapter 6, Section B Credentials Team**

Add new paragraph, labeled 6.09, which will read: "Korean Sub-Committee. The Credentials Team will establish a Korean Sub-Committee which will have initial responsibility for processing Korean men to be enrolled in the Presbytery. (See Appendix 3, Annex 4 for Process Steps.)" Subsequent paragraphs in this chapter would continue to have their numbers adjusted accordingly.

**#9: Chapter 6, Section C, Paragraph 6.09 (new 6.11) Team Leader**

Change the language to read Team Chairman instead of ~~Team Leader~~ and change from "the liaison" to read "the co-liaison."

**#10: Chapter 6, Section D, Paragraph 6.13 (new 6.15) Duties**

Add to sub-paragraph (a) to read "...and organizations (e.g. church newsletters, worship bulletins, annual reports, etc.)"

**#11: Chapter 4 Administration of the Presbytery**

Add new section labeled "E. Korean Transition and Administrative Commission" with the following paragraphs:

4.18 Purpose. The Korean Transition and Administrative Commission (KTAC) exists to assist in the integration of Korean ministers and congregations into the life and ministry of the Presbytery.

4.19 Membership. The KTAC shall be composed of a Chairman and at least three (3) additional members. A quorum shall consist of three members. Members shall serve for a term of three (3) years, and may be elected to serve consecutive terms. When possible, this Committee shall have a balance of Ruling Elders and Ministers.

4.20 Selection. Members shall be chosen annually from the Presbytery at large in view of special interests or abilities, at the Spring stated meeting. Nominees for each position will be submitted to Presbytery by the Nominations Committee.

4.21 Duties.

- a) Assist Korean ministers and churches in preparing reports, gathering information, establishing contacts in the Presbytery and Synod, and other administrative functions as needed.
- b) Assist in communication between primarily Korean-speaking ministers and congregations and primarily English-speaking ones, as well as assisting in communication between the Presbytery and primarily Korean-speaking ministers and congregations, as needed.
- c) Other specific tasks designated by the Presbytery at a duly constituted meeting, with the authority and responsibility to act on behalf of Presbytery as specified by the Presbytery at the meeting in which the specific tasks are given.

**#12: Chapter 9 Sponsorship of Candidates for the Ministry**

Change the word "~~sponsor~~" to "mentor" in each instance.

**#13: Chapter 10 Presbytery Mercy Fund, Paragraph 10.01**

Change the second sentence to read: "It is to be used to assist ministers or other persons who are related to Northeast Presbytery who have a critical, short-term financial need and who are in transition, e.g. leaving a pastoral relationship with a member congregation of the Presbytery. (e.g., being in transition between pastoral relationships with a member church of the Presbytery, or facing an emergency situation without sufficient financial resources)."

**#14: Chapter 12 Amendments, Paragraph 12.02**

Change the word "~~consent~~" to "the approval of three-fourths (3/4) of the members present."

**#15: Appendix C, Annex 1, Paragraph 8 (d)**

Change the word "~~addresses~~" to the word "charges."

**#16: Appendix C, Annex 1, paragraphs 9, 13, 15, 16**

Change "~~minister-sponsor~~" to "mentor."

- 190344 It was suggested that we might take all 16 amendments together, unless anyone preferred to vote separately on one or two amendments. Numbers 4 and 10 were mentioned as being preferred to take up separately, and it was agreed by common consensus to do just that.
- 190345 **MOTION:** to approve the aforementioned amendments to the MOP, with the exception of numbers 4 and 10. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- 190346 In discussion about number 4, Rev. Pritts reiterated his earlier assertion that MOP 4.05 (f) and (g) were never properly added to the MOP, and that they could not therefore be amended. Rev. GJ Gerard offered a **SUBSTITUTE MOTION** that the vote on amendment 4 be deferred for further study. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

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- 190347 In discussion about number 10, Rev. Kuciemba noted that the proposed amendment offers no substantive change in its intent, but that it had the potential to be misinterpreted as requiring that which it merely offered as a suggestion. Others suggested that a proper interpretation would not bear that meaning, and that we couldn't guard against all misinterpretation. **MOTION** to approve amendment number 10 then **CARRIED**.

**REPORTS OF PRESBYTERY'S LIAISONS**

**Liaison With Christian Education Ministries (CEM)**

- 190348 Rev. Bob Whittet reported as the liaison for Christian Education Ministries (CEM). Rev. Whittet mentioned the exciting news that there is a Camp Joy planned in Virginia at Smith Mountain Lake 4H Educational Center, for the last week of July 2019. If anyone is interested in helping, contact Krysta Trout at krysta.renell@gmail.com. Registration is already full.
- 190349 Rev. Whittet then introduced Brent Turner, the Executive Director of CEM to speak to Presbytery. Mr. Turner shared about various aspects of CEM's ministry. He mentioned that CEM's board has a great chairman from the NEP, Rev. Bob Whittet. He spoke about various resources that CEM offers, including the ARP Bookstore in Greenville, the Adult Quarterly, which has a new chief editor from NEP, Rev. Ian Duguid. Mr. Turner also noted that Rev. G.J. Gerard is working with CEM on some resources.
- 190350 Mr. Turner then spoke about training that CEM does, especially on child protection policies, which he strongly encouraged the churches of NEP to implement, and he mentioned CEM university on the website, for various other trainings. He spoke about podcasts that they will be putting out. The first podcast will be about Christianity Explored, by Rev. Alan Avera of NEP.
- 190351 Mr. Turner closed by mentioning that CEM does camps and conferences, and encourages and tries to assist Presbyteries to do camps/conferences. He noted that Memphis, Tennessee has raised enough money to have a Camp Joy in Tennessee, in the Mississippi Valley Presbytery. (They are looking to have it in 2020.) He encouraged NEP to think about having a Camp Joy in the future.
- 190352 Following Mr. Turner's report, Rev. Bob Whittet spoke in regard to a Presbytery website for the NEP, following up on Recommendation #1 from the Executive Committee report. He showed an example of a website developed and maintained by Arise Technologies. He mentioned that the man behind Arise is a member of his church, Adam Spalding, who is trained in IT, with a heart for Christ, and that Adam offered to create and maintain a website for NEP for \$2100 initially and \$500 per year.
- 190353 **Recommendation #1 from the Executive Committee Report** "that NEP engage the services of Arise Technologies to develop a Presbytery website" was brought up at this point. Rev. Whittet proposed \$2300 budgeted initially and then \$500/year after that, just in case there were additional unforeseen startup costs.

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190354 Rev. Paul Matthews made a **MOTION** that, in light of the cost of \$2100 the first year and \$500/year after that, that NEP budget \$3000 for the first year and \$750 in subsequent years for the services of Arise Technologies, to account for any unforeseen expenses. **SECONDED.** There was further discussion about the benefits of a website for NEP. There were also questions about whether the presbytery needed a social media presence. In the end, the motion **CARRIED**, effectively approving recommendation #1 from the Executive Committee.

190355 Rev. Whittet mentioned that he would get the word out to the Moderator as soon as the first page of the website was up and running. The Moderator requested that Rev. Matt Harmon pray for the website, which he did.

**Liaison With World Witness**

190356 Rev. Bill Sutherland presented a report as NEP's Liaison with World Witness, starting with an emphasis on the 2-2-20 prayer initiative of World Witness that each congregation would be engaged in praying that the Lord would raise up two missions-minded people from each congregation or in connection with each congregation by the year 2020. He mentioned the Lord Jesus' call to His disciples in Matthew 9:35-38 to pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest. Rev. Sutherland exhorted pastors to continue to pray for this and to present 2-2-20 to their congregations. He also reported that Rev. David Galletta of NEP was in Zambia and would be returning on Saturday.

190357 Rev. Curt Young requested to report on PAK7. The Moderator granted seven minutes. Rev. Young reported good news: the first TV recording is planned for March 2019. Rev. Young requested that if there is anyone in a congregation of NEP who is a good grant writer, or who has a background in writing, to let them know that PAK7 could use a grant writer and would be willing to train them. PAK7 appreciates prayers for the next board meeting on April 10 in Dubai. Rev. Young passed along a request to pray for peace between Pakistan and India.

190358 Rev. Sutherland mentioned that March 13-15 is the World Witness board meeting.

190359 Rev. G.J. Gerard spoke about Sheila Osborne who is trying to put together teams to go to Spain and other countries to help with Vacation Bible Schools. Sheila would like to be in contact with churches that are sponsoring mission trips. Her e-mail address is: [sosborne@worldwitness.org](mailto:sosborne@worldwitness.org)

190360 Rev. Bill Sutherland offered prayer for World Witness and the items mentioned in the report.

190361 The Moderator called for the Order of the Day at 11:46 AM, whereupon he invited Rev. Leon Brown of Catawba Presbytery to speak to the presbytery so that we can get to know him and the mission of the new Montage Church in Los Angeles, California. Rev. Terrence Little of NEP introduced Rev. Leon Brown.

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- 190362 Rev. Brown spoke about being a church planter in Los Angeles and making connections with people there in different ways than he did at his previous church plant in Richmond, VA. He mentioned Proverbs 16:19 as a key verse that has come to his mind much in his church planting efforts. He asked for prayer in accordance with Colossians 4:3-4, that doors would open for the Word to be shared. He asked for prayer for making family time a priority, especially with their fourth child due in April. He also requested prayer for provisional elders for the church plant. Finally, Rev. Brown requested prayer for financial provision as they still have to raise a significant amount of money. He would be glad to send individual churches information regarding how they can support the ministry in LA.
- 190363 The Moderator recognized Randy Marcoz, a member of the Virginia Presbytery who is serving on the provisional session of Christ Presbyterian Church in Glenside, PA, and as the provisional moderator of the session at Faith ARPC in Scranton, PA, and Mr. Bonifacio Lee, a student at Westminster Theological Seminary who is interested in the ARP.
- 190364 At the Moderator's request, Rev. Paul Yoo prayed for Rev. Leon Brown and for the lunch we would soon enjoy.

**LUNCH**

- 190365 The Presbytery recessed for lunch and fellowship at 12:11 PM, and we enjoyed a delicious and bountiful spread prepared by Jesuwon Community Church.
- 190366 During lunch, Rev. Bill Sutherland presented a partial report of the Resolutions Committee, expressing thanks on behalf of NEP for the gracious hospitality of Jesuwon Community Church, which was followed by vigorous applause from those present.
- 190367 NEP reconvened at 1:33 PM with the offering of prayer by Randy Marcoz.

**REPORTS OF MINISTRY TEAMS**

**Credentials Team**

- 190368 Rev. Matt Harmon presented the report of the Credentials Team, which follows here:

Report of the Credentials Team

**Upcoming Meetings of Credentials Team:**

*In preparation for upcoming presbytery meetings, written materials should be submitted to the Credentials chair at least six weeks before that presbytery meeting. Credentials will meet by teleconference for interviews and exams following the deadline for written materials. If an in-person interview or exam is preferred, such exams should be conducted at the preceding presbytery meeting. (For example, a minister who prefers an in-person interview and desires to transfer into NEP in March 2021 should be interviewed by Credentials at the preceding meeting of NEP, October 2020)*

*For **June 2019**, deadline for written materials is **April 30th, 2019**.*

*Teleconference interviews and exams will occur in May.*



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*For **October 2019**, deadline for written materials is **September 5th, 2019**.*

*Teleconference interviews and exams will occur in September.*

*For **March 2020**, deadline for written materials is **January 30th, 2020**.*

*Teleconference interviews and exams will occur in February.*

**Outstanding Inquiries for Transfer to Northeast Presbytery:**

***Rev. Samuel David***, Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia:

*No update from Credentials at this time.*

**New Inquiries for Transfer to Northeast Presbytery:**

***Rev. Young Jin Moon***, associate pastor at Jesuwon Church:

*Rev. Moon intends to pursue transfer to NEP in March. Please keep Rev. Moon and his son in your prayers. His son sustained a serious ankle injury playing high school basketball that was re-aggravated due to extreme weather conditions.*

**For information:**

*World Witness submitted a revised call for **Rev. Erik Meberg** in June 2018. Credentials reviewed the revised call and recommended that it be approved, but for some reason it was passed over during our proceedings of the October 2018 NEP meeting. Executive Committee approved the Credentials recommendation via email November 2018.*

**Recommendations:**

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***Mr. Jonathan (Jonny) Finlayson*** is completing his final year at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. Jonny completed his written examinations for licensure. ***The Credentials committee examined him via teleconference on February 28th, and brings the following recommendation:***

***1) Recommended:*** That Northeast Presbytery receive ***Mr. Jonathan Finlayson*** as a student of theology, and license him to preach the gospel within the bounds of this presbytery.

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***Rev. Youngjin Moon*** is a member of Seongnam Presbytery of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Korea and currently associate pastor at Jesuwon Community Church in Horsham PA. ***The Credentials committee met in person with Rev. Moon on March 7th, 2019 and brings the following recommendation:***

***2) Recommended:*** That Northeast Presbytery receive ***Rev. Youngjin Moon*** by transfer from Seongnam Presbytery of the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Korea.

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***3) Recommended:*** That this report be received as information.

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***4) Recommended:*** That as the Lord Jesus said, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (Luke 10:2), prayer be offered for the Lord to raise up ministers of the gospel to gather his harvest in the bounds of Northeast Presbytery.

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- 190373 Rev. Matt Harmon invited Mr. Finlayson to come forward and share his personal testimony of faith in Christ and sense of call to the ministry.
- 190374 Rev. Matt Harmon then opened the floor to the presbyters to examine Mr. Finlayson with questions about the English Bible and Theology.
- 190375 The Presbytery was given opportunity to give feedback on his sermon from the night before.
- 190376 Rev. G.J. Gerard made a **MOTION** to vote to sustain his sermon as a requisite for licensure. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- 190377 **MOTION** to arrest the exam. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- 190378 Mr. Finlayson left the room so that the presbyters could discuss his examination.
- 190379 **MOTION** to sustain the overall exam and approve recommendation 1 of the Credentials Team. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- 190380 The Moderator then asked Mr. Finlayson the questions of reception as a student of theology and licentiate of the NEP, which he answered in the affirmative.
- 190381 The Moderator gave a charge from Hebrews 4:12-13 to Mr. Finlayson.
- 190382 As requested by the Moderator, Rev. Matt Harmon offered prayer for Mr. Finlayson.
- 190383 The Moderator presented a Bible to Mr. Finlayson and declared him an official licensed candidate of the NEP, extending to him the right hand of fellowship and encouraging the rest of the presbyters to do the same.
- 190384 The Principal Clerk presented Mr. Finlayson with a Certificate of Licensure from the NEP.
- 190385 Rev. Matt Harmon then invited Rev. Youngjin Moon, an Associate Pastor at Jesuwon Community Church, to come forward to share about his current ministry and his sense of call to ministry.
- 190386 Rev. Harmon noted that Rev. Moon is in Category 1 according to the Korean standards for transfer to the ARPC (the most compatible category, cf. MOP Appendix C, Annex 4).
- 190387 Rev. Harmon presented **RECOMMENDATION 2)** with an addendum from the Credentials team: “pending reception of his ARPC Church history paper, statement of Christian belief and view of Reformed faith, and revised call noting contributions to the ARP retirement program.”
- 190388 Rev. Harmon led the examination of Rev. Moon on the floor of presbytery.

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- 190389 Rev. G.J. Gerard made a **MOTION** to arrest the examination. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- 190390 Rev. Moon left the room while we discussed his floor exam.
- 190391 Over the course of the discussion, it was requested that a deadline be set for reception of the wanted paperwork and the timeframe of 60 days was requested and generally agreed upon. Therefore a **MOTION** was made to sustain the examination of Rev. Moon and to receive him as a member of NEP, with the understanding that the required paperwork would all be received within 60 days. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.
- 190392 After inviting Rev. Moon back into the room, the Moderator extended to him the right hand of fellowship and welcomed him into the NEP pending his fulfillment of the requirements within 60 days.
- 190393 **RECOMMENDATIONS 3) and 4) CARRIED** together.
- 190394 At the request of the Moderator, Rev. Daniel Rhee prayed for Rev. Moon and for recommendation 4 for the Credentials Team.

**Congregational Life Team**

- 190395 Rev. Herschel Carlson reported that the one remaining member of the Holy Trinity Church plant of NEP that closed two years ago was wanting to transfer membership to a URC church outside of Grand Rapids, but they were wanting guidance as to how to proceed since he was under censure of suspension from the Lord's Table at the closing of the church. Herschel corresponded with the church, indicating that if they presented a formal request, we could transfer his membership to them with the censure in place.

**Pastoral Support and Development Team**

- 190396 Rev. Steven Badorf presented the report of the Pastoral Support and Development Team, opening the report with prayer. The report follows here:

***Report of the Pastoral Support and Development Team***

*The Purpose of the Northeast Presbytery's Pastoral Support & Development Team is to ensure that the needs of pastoral care, spiritual fellowship, and professional development of ministers of presbytery are provided. (MOP Para. 6.08)*

***Responsibilities***

- 1. Pastoral Care and oversight of ARP Ministers and their families*
- 2. Pastoral Care and oversight of ARP Retired Ministers.*
- 3. Pastoral Care and oversight of ARP Ministers who are currently ministering out-of-bounds (Missions or Military Service).*
- 4. Pastoral Care and oversight of ARP Students of Theology.*
- 5. Professional Development of ARP Ministers & Students of Theology*

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*This report is and always will be “a work in progress” from the standpoint of collecting needed information throughout the year. Your help and assistance will be greatly appreciated. There are several categories which have yet to be completed and are indicated by the phrase “in process.” To that end, the team wishes to report the following to the presbytery:*

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***1. Pastoral Care and oversight of ARP Ministers and their families***

- ***Spiritual Life Director (2018-2019):*** Rev. Nathan Beard
- ***Minister Members of the ARP Northeast Presbytery***
  - *Prayer Requests from minister members of the ARP NEP. The intent is to collect prayer requests in advance of each of the meetings (Spring, Summer, and Fall). [In process]*
- ***Ministers Without Call in ARP NEP: [In process]***
  - Rev. Tony Cowley
  - Mansour Khajepour lives in Washington state.
  - Rev. Randy Marcoz is a member of VA presbytery. Visiting ARP NEP this spring 2019.
  - Rev. Kevin Muldoon moved to Indianapolis, IN.
  - Rev. Bengy Willford
  - Rev. Herald Zargarian lives in Indianapolis, IN.

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***2. Pastoral Care and oversight of ARP Retired Ministers.***

- ***Honorably Retired Ministers***
  - Rev. Fredrick S. Carr
  - Rev. Ryung Chun
  - Rev. Carlos Concha
  - Rev. Milad F. Doss
  - Rev. C. Biddle Foster – has written a brief interpretive paper on the letter to the Ephesians.
  - Rev. G.J. Gerard
  - Rev. John Hoeprich
  - Rev. Dong Ik (John) Hwang
  - Rev. David Johnston
  - Rev. Paul Matthews
  - Rev. Jay McMillen
  - Rev. Dr. Ji Kag Pang
  - Rev. Ron Pritts
  - Rev. Clyde Reed
  - Rev. Daniel Rhee
  - Rev. Ashton Stewart

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***3. Pastoral Care and oversight of ARP Ministers who are currently ministering out-of-bounds (Missions or Military Service).***

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***Ministers Laboring Outside the Bounds of ARP NEP:***

- *Rev. Alan Avera is working with Christianity Explored as the director.*
- *Rev. Young Hwa Chung is working with Antioch Spiritual Training Center, Buenos.*
- *Rev. Lane Creamer*
- *Rev. David Galletta is laboring with World Witness's MT3 team.*
- *Rev. Myung Nam (Joshua) Jung is a World Witness Cooperative Missionary in Aguascalientes Mexico.*
- *Rev. Mansour Khajepour is living in Washington State and laboring out-of-bounds.*
- *Rev. John Marsh retired from military service. Need more information.*
- *Rev. Eric Meberg is working with World Witness in Europe.*
- *Rev. Bob Whittet is working at Gordon College in MA*

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***4. Pastoral Care and oversight of ARP Students of Theology.***

***Candidates for the Ministry***

- *Collin Gingrich\* (Westminster Theological Seminary, exp. grad. May 2019)*
- *Philip Mohr (Westminster Theological Seminary, exp. grad. May 2019)*
- *Kevin Kaye (Westminster Theological Seminary)*
- *Seth Philbrick (Reformed Theological Seminary, Wash., exp. grad. May 2018)*

***Licentiates for the Ministry***

- *Nathan Carlson*
- *Nicholas Perrine (graduated Westminster Theological Seminary, 2018) Hired by Heartsong Counseling, Washington D.C.*

***Candidate Sponsors:***

- *Collin Gingrich – Rev. Steven Badorf*
  - *Collin has accepted a 2 year internship at Proclamation PCA church in Mt. Joy, PA.*
- *Kevin Kaye – Rev. Dr. Fred Carr*
- *Amjad Mahand – Rev. Dr. David Galletta*
- *Philip (Pip) Mohr – Rev. Steven Badorf*
- *Seth Philbrick – Rev. Bill Sutherland*

***Scholarships:*** *The following candidate(s) currently receive(s) a scholarship from ARP NEP:*

- *Collin Gingrich – \$500*
- *Seth Philbrick – \$500*
- *Pip Mohr would like to request a scholarship from the ARP NEP for next year. He is a student of theology at WTS in Philadelphia.*

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***5. Professional Development of ARP Ministers & Students of Theology***

- *For the continuing education component of presbytery on Friday morning, Dr. Mike Emlet will introduce the ministry of the Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation (CCEF) and speak on the topic, "Ministry to Those Struggling with Mental Illness." CCEF seeks "to restore Christ to counseling and counseling to the church by thinking biblically about the issues of living in order to equip the church*

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*to meet counseling-related needs.” Mike has been a faculty member and counselor at CCEF since 2001 and before that he worked as a family physician for over ten years. His particular interests include the application of Scripture to life and the interface of soul and body in counseling related issues such as depression, anxiety, and OCD.”*

***Michael R. Emlet, M.Div., M.D.***

***Dean of Faculty and Counselor***

*Christian Counseling & Educational Foundation*

*1803 E. Willow Grove Avenue*

*Glenside, PA 19038*

*215-884-7676*

*[www.ccef.org](http://www.ccef.org)*

- *Next Fall, Dr. Scott Redd, the president of RTS Washington and Associate Professor of Old Testament will be joining us for the program. In addition to giving us a brief overview of the program at RTS Washington he will be offering a giving us a presentation on Friday morning still TBD.*

- ***Development of ARP NEP Internship***

*One of the major developments that our team has been working on since our last presbytery meeting is the development of an ARP NEP Internship Program. Obviously any intern would benefit greatly from a program like this. We have a wealth of resources, seasoned pastors and opportunities in our presbytery. Many of our churches could use just such a jolt of youth and vitality. In this internship program we would seek to train students of theology for ministry by giving them many hands on opportunities in the field. Each intern would be placed with an ordained minister and would learn by doing as well as through personal coaching. (T-each / D-emonstrate / O-bserve / E-value / E-ncourage). There are two versions or options to this internship based on the needs of students. One option would be for a summer. The second option could be for a year or two years depending on the church. (Potential internship proposals distributed for feedback.)*

1903102      Rev. Badorf highlighted various points from the report, sharing that the committee has recently developed some forms for receiving information from retired ministers, ministers serving out of bounds, candidates for the ministry, etc., which should help the committee to have up-to-date information from people in those groups. He also mentioned that the internship proposal is for information only at this point.

1903103      Rev. Badorf then mentioned that there were two other items that didn't make it into the report on time. First, NEP needed to renew honorably retired Rev. Paul Matthews as stated supply for the Piney Creek and New Windsor churches for another year, beginning in April. **MOTION** to renew the one-year term of Rev. Paul Matthews as stated supply for Piney Creek and New Windsor churches for another year beginning in April. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

1903104      Lastly, Rev. Badorf announced the Faithful Shepherd Pastors' Conference/Retreat 2019 at Harvey Cedars in New Jersey from May 13-15, with guest speaker, Rev. Brian Chapell

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speaking on preaching exposition and application. He recommended it as a good opportunity for pastors to continue to grow and to take some time for personal renewal.

1903105 At the request of the Moderator, Rev. Curt Young prayed for the Pastoral Support and Development Committee and for Rev. Paul Matthews.

**Outreach Northeast**

1903106 Rev. Peter Kemeny presented the report of the Outreach Northeast Team, which follows here:

***Outreach Northeast Committee Report***

***Northeast Presbytery Mission Churches***

<b>Church</b>	<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Status</b>
<b><u>ENGLISH</u></b>			
Christ Presbyterian	Ian Duguid	Philadelphia, PA	Mission, Provisional Session
Hope Reformed	Josh Kitchen	Millbury, MA	Prospective Mission
Tri-State Community	Rick Anderson	Chester, WV	Provisional session, self-supporting
<b><u>KOREAN</u></b>			
All Nations	Andrew Bang	Flushing, NY	Mission, Provisional Session
Flock Church	Jin Kwan Kim	Whitestone, NY	Provisional Session, self-supporting
Holy Covenant	Jong Kim	Lancaster, PA	Provisional session, self-supporting
Global Vision	Peter Lee	Flushing, NY	Provisional session, self-supporting
Jesuwon Church	(John)Seong Yoon	Horsham, PA	Provisional session; self-supporting
New Covenant	Hae Gahp Lee	Burke, VA	Provisional session; self-supporting
Somang (Hope) Church	David Choi	Hicksville, NY (Long Island)	Provisional session; self-supporting
Yae Dam	Jae Hong Lim	Flushing, NY	Provisional Session, self-supporting
World Glorious	Hae Gun Kim	Staten Island, NY	Provisional Session, self-supporting
<b><u>IRANIAN</u></b>			
Iranian Church of Washington D.C.	Javad Pishghadamian	Silver Spring, MD	??; self-supporting

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*The ONE Committee met via teleconference on February 19, 2019. Present were Matt Harmon, Al Haenal, Jack Van Dyk, Wayne Greenwood, Andy Ludlum, Alan Avera and Peter Kemeny. Absent were G.J. Gerard (excused) and Hae Gahp Lee.*

***Church Planting Fund Snapshot***

*As of February 21 2019, the balance in the church planting fund is \$274,118.*

*ONE has a current financial commitment to the Hope Reformed Church plant for the next three years at \$20,000 / \$15,000 / \$7,000 per year.*

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***I. Update: Dr. Jay Harvey***, Executive Director of RTS in New York City, had desired to plant an ARP Church in Manhattan, but RTS does not want Jay to split his time between RTS and church planting. Things may change in the future.

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***II. RECOMMENDATION #1 that NEP approve the following call to Rev. Josh Kitchen to church planting***

***Call to a Church Planter***

*We, the officers and members of Outreach Northeast of Northeast Presbytery, being well satisfied with your ministerial qualifications, and confident that we have been led to you by the Holy Spirit as one whose ministry will be profitable to be our Spiritual interest, do earnestly Call you, **Joshua Kitchen**, to undertake the Office of **Church Planter of the Hope Reformed mission congregation** in Millbury, MA.*

*On the acceptance of this Call we promise you in the discharge of your duties, all proper support, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord.*

*That you may devote yourself wholly to the Ministry of the Word, we promise and obligate ourselves to the following terms:*

- *Pay you an annual salary of \$60,000 in at least monthly payments.*
- *Provide you with an annual housing allowance of \$30,400 in at least monthly payments.*
- *Provide you with an annual social security allowance of \$13,560 in at least month payments.*
- *Pay into the ministerial retirement fund as prescribed by General Synod.*
- *Provide long term disability insurance as prescribed by General Synod.*
- *The minister waives medical and dental coverage under Synod's group policy for himself and his dependents because his family is covered by his wife's group policy.*
- *Grant you an annual vacation of 4 weeks.*
- *Grant you an annual study leave of 1 week for study pertaining to church planting, evangelism, or preaching.*
- *Review with you annually the adequacy of this compensation.*

*This compensation will come from the budget of the Hope Reformed mission congregation with income from five sources:*



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- *Hope Reformed core group - \$71,000*
- *ONA support - \$18,000*
- *Presbytery support - \$20,000*
- *Other churches - \$32,000*
- *Outside individual donors - \$15,000*

*In testimony whereof we have respectively subscribed our names to this Call to a Church Planter, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of March in the Year of our Lord 2019.*

*[Signatures of Outreach Northeast Committee Members]*

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***III. RECOMMENDATION #2: that NEP approve the Petition from Hope Reformed Church in Millbury, MA to join NEP.***



*January 11, 2019*

*To the Northeast Presbytery:*

*We the undersigned persons desire to affiliate with the Northeast Presbytery as a mission congregation which is to be known as Hope Reformed Church. We do covenant to walk together as a mission congregation, according to the doctrine, discipline, government and worship of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. We promise to maintain this congregation by our attendance at its services, our support of its work, our use of our gifts and talents, and our prayers.*

*We recognize the connectional nature of the church and thus will partner with the Northeast Presbytery and the General Synod to advance the broader ministries of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church.*

*The following signers commit to working together with the intention of forming an organized congregation of the ARPC:*

*[Signatures are on the copy that Josh Kitchen presented to the committee]*

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***IV. Summary for Korean Mission Churches from G.J. Gerard (see also Report of KTAC)***

*Following is a brief report on the nine Korean Mission Churches in Northeast Presbytery.*

*All Nations Mission Church, Flushing NY, Pastor Andy Bang. All Nations moved from their rented location in Little Neck, LI in late Fall due to inability to secure a occupancy permit and for permission to have outside signage. The Congregation of 15-20 persons is now meeting in rented facilities provided by the Manna Church*

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*(KAPC). This is a large, well-established church located on Northern Boulevard, Flushing. Pastor Bang believes All Nations will continue to stay at this affordable location until there is sufficient growth in membership to secure a separate location.*

*Likewise, there has been little effort to develop lay leadership due to the small size of the core group. Stacy Bang, Andy's wife, continues to have major health issues and is limited in her abilities to assist. Due to budget and time constraints Andy has only attended meetings of NEP occasionally.*

*The Flock Church, Whitestone, NY Pastor Jin Kwa Kim. Nothing significant has changed. The small core group is still meeting in rented space provided by an Episcopal Church in Whitestone, Queens, NY. Rev. Kim is continuing to receive treatment for cancer and has limited capabilities at the present time. Rev. Kim is not able to travel to attend NEP meetings, but was present when NEP met at Hyo Shin Church in Flushing about a year ago.*

*Global Vision Church, Flushing, NY, Pastor Dr. Peter Lee. The members of Global Vision continue to meet at the home of Rev. Lee, with a core group of some 15 people. Rev. Lee has asked for financial support to help pay the rent for a public worship location and has submitted a proposal to ONE for consideration. Rev. Lee is faithful in submitting reports to ONE on Global Vision and attends all meetings of NEP.*

*Holy Covenant Church, Lancaster, PA, Pastor. Kim. Holy Covenant continues to meet at a Moravian Church. No changes have been reported for over two years. Rev. Kim's attendance at NEP averages once per year.*

*Jesuwon Church, Horsham, Pa, Pastor Yoon. Jesuwon Church is ready to be organized having elected and trained elders to form a Session. The Congregation owns its own church building and is financially secure. March 10th has been the date set for the Organizational Service. A Rev. Moon is being called to be an Associate Pastor of Jesuwon Church. Membership is above 100 and there are 7 or 8 home groups which meet weekly. Rev. Yoon attends at least one meeting of NEP per year.*

*New Covenant Church, Virginia, Pastor Hae Gahp Lee. No reports received in the past year. Rev. Lee attends an average of one meeting of NEP per year.*

*Somang (Hope) Church, Hicksville, LI, NY, Pastor Davi Choi. The core group of the Somang Church (10-15 people) continue to meet at the home of Rev. Choi. There was a division in the church about 3 years ago, and the Episcopal Church where they were meeting was sold, hence the need to leave. Rev. Choi is working to rebuild the congregation to become a fully functioning, self-supporting church once again. Rev. Choi attends most meetings of NEP and stays in contact with KTAC.*

*World Glorious Church, Staten Island, NY, Pastor I. Kim. In November 2017 there was a significant exodus of members who were attracted to another Korean church (with certain close relationships among members of World Glorious). As a result of the decrease in active members, World Glorious could not afford the rent to meet at the Bethany Church. The core group now meets at the home of Rev. Kim in Staten Island.*

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*Rev. Kim is seeking to rebuild the congregation so they can secure a public worship space once again. Rev. Kim attends an average of one meeting of NEP per year.*

*Yae Dam Church, Fresh Meadows, Queens, NY, Pastor Jae Lim. The small core group of Yae Dam continues to meet in the home of Rev. Lim. No other reports have been received. Rev. Lim attends NEP meetings approximately once every 2 years.*

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***V. For information: Those present at the February 19 ONE teleconference voted to unanimously deny a request for NEP to provide \$10,500 over 3 years to assist Global Vision to afford renting a public worship location. The committee is unconvinced that providing such funding would enable Global Vision to turn around. Concern was also expressed about the low level of congregational giving, the fact that renting a house would not have a broad appeal to prospective attendees, and that Outreach Northeast does not want to set a precedent in providing funding for such situations.***

***APPENDIX A***

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***ONA FUNDING PARADIGM FOR A CHURCH PLANT IN A STRATEGIC AREA***

*The normal ONA church planting funding paradigm is \$18,000; \$12,000; \$6,000. The rest of the funding must come from the Presbytery, the congregation, and outside donors.*

*ONA also offers, as the money is available, a funding supplement called **Dare to Plant** which provides from ONA a 3-year funding paradigm of \$50,000 -- \$30,000 -- \$20,000 to Presbyteries that match that paradigm.*

*This would provide the planter, over the course of 3 years, \$100,000 -- \$60,000 -- \$40,000.*

*Offerings from offerings from the core group will add to this income. The church planter would be responsible to raise any additional support to meet his proposed budget.*

*There are 4 conditions in the Dare to Plant program:*

- (a) The area of the plant would have to be considered by ONA and Northeast Presbytery to be a strategic area.*
- (b) The planter would have to show from where he anticipates receiving the other income in his budget.*
- (c) The planter would have to plant with a team (likely volunteers who are committed)*
- (d) The church plant must have a clearly articulated vision for how they will win people to Christ.*

***APPENDIX B***

***REPORTS FROM MISSION CHURCHES***

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**Christ Presbyterian Church**  
**Philadelphia**  
**Dr. Iain Duguid**

1. *Number and type of weekly services and events: Weekly worship; weekly community group; regular monthly intern meeting*
2. *Attendance:*
  - a. *Regulars: 30-45*
  - b. *Visitors: 1-2 per week*
3. *Average weekly offering: \$1130/week for last quarter of 2018*
4. *General fund balance: \$4,500*
5. *Number of contacts made by the church planter: few*
6. *Encouragements: We have finally been able to move to morning worship services, which people are appreciative of. We lost a handful of people in the process who had ties to other Sunday morning services, but our overall numbers have remained unchanged and people have appreciated the new time. We have welcomed two babies in the past couple of weeks, and have had two new couples from the seminary community attending regularly. We expect to have about 7 attending a new members class in March. The new series on the Book of Judges is being well received, and we look forward to restarting out intern program and preaching club now that the new semester is beginning.*
7. *Discouragements: Many of the same challenges remain. Financially, things remain very tight, so my salary for this year is about half of what we had originally planned. The project was never intended to be a one man show, given my other commitments, yet it is not easy to see how we get from where we are to the point where we can pay an additional staff person, even part time. We also expect to see several core couples graduate and leave us in May; we're excited for them, but they will leave behind a big hole. Barb's health continues to be a concern.*
8. *Needs and Prayer Requests: We are encouraged by the privilege of shaping the hearts and lives of those headed for ministry, as well as loving and caring for the other members of the church. Please pray that the church would be a positive formative influence in the lives of the seminary students. We could use a few people with the gift of evangelism to help us reach out to those around us who do not yet know Christ.*
9. *Any special requests to presbytery or anything you think presbytery needs to know: Thank you for your prayers. We consider every Sunday to be a privilege to encourage God's people with the good news.*

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**Tri-State Community Church, ARP**  
**Rev. Rick Anderson**  
**New Cumberland, WV 26047**

1. *Number and type of weekly services and events: One AM worship service along with a Wednesday night bible study/prayer meeting.*
2. *Attendance*  
*Our yearly average is 28*  
*Bible study attendance continues strong*
3. *The average weekly offering for January is \$1,096 I am happy to say this is up from our last report.*
4. *Our general fund balance is approximately \$4,452. This is also up from our last report.*
5. *Number of Contacts made: Contacts continue to be made by way of our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/tristatereformedchurch](http://www.facebook.com/tristatereformedchurch). In January one family began worshiping with us and talks like they are here to stay!*
6. *Encouragements: One of the most significant developments for me is the formation of a small prayer group. Myself and three other men from our congregation have been meeting regularly for prayer. And we spend a majority of our time praying for kingdom advancement. We have already seen marvelous changes in some of the folks we have been reaching out to! The excitement these men have to get together and pray is inspiring.*
7. *Discouragement: We are wonderfully blessed. I absolutely love the work God has called me to, but the hours are long. We wish we had more time for family. But this is no complaint.*
8. *Needs and prayer requests: That God would raise up His church and be glorified*
9. *Needs or special requests from the Presbytery: Only your prayers for which we thank you.*

**Global Vision Church**  
**Flushing, NY**  
**Rev. Peter Lee**

1. *Number and type of weekly services and events:*  
  
*9 AM Sunday Worship / Weekly*  
*11 AM Sunday Worship / Weekly*  
*11 AM Tuesday Bible Study / Weekly*  
8. *PM Wed. day Evening Service / Weekly*

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2. *Weekly Attendance Numbers:*
  - a. *Members: 15*
  - b. *Regular attenders: 15*
  - c. *Visitors: 0*
3. *Average weekly offering: \$260*
4. *General fund balance: \$1,075*
5. *Number of new contacts made by the church planter: 15*
6. *Encouragements: We have a plan to have a new Worship location which is available start on March 1, 2019.*
7. *Discouragements: None*
8. *Needs and Prayer Requests: Needs public place to worship freely for Sunday services.*
9. *Any special requests to presbytery or anything you think presbytery needs to know: Required financing help to move public place from private home.*

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***Hope Reformed Church  
Millbury, MA  
Josh Kitchen***

1. *Number and type of weekly services and events: Besides our regular Sunday morning worship and Wednesday night prayer and Bible Study, we had a men's wing night and Christmas Caroling with another local church.*
2. *Attendance:*
  - a. *Regulars: 25*
  - b. *Visitors: 12*
3. *Average weekly offering: n/a*
4. *General fund balance: \$42,045*
5. *Number of contacts made by the church planter: 6*
6. *Encouragements: We have a new family attending, and they have really connected well. We have also had a new church and individual supporter added in the last quarter.*
7. *Discouragements: One of our core families has announced that they are considering changing churches. They live quite far away and aren't able to engage as much*

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*outside of the Sunday service.*

8. *Needs and Prayer Requests: We will be hosting another “Dinner & A Movie” night in April. Pray that the event is well attended and that people will also attend our Easter service.*
9. *Any special requests to presbytery or anything you think presbytery needs to know: Thank you for all of your prayers and support!*

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***Somang (Hope) Church***  
***Hicksville, NY***  
***David Choi***

1. *Number and type of weekly services and events:*  
*SUNDAY WORSHIP AT 11:00 AM*
2. *Weekly Attendance Numbers:*
  - a. *Members: 10*
  - b. *Regular attenders: 6-8*
  - c. *Visitors: 2*
3. *Average weekly offering: \$250*
4. *General fund balance: \$5000*
5. *Number of new contacts made by the church planter: 0*
6. *Encouragements:*
7. *Discouragements: LOSING PASSION FOR PREACHING THE WORD*
8. *Needs and Prayer Requests: WORSHIP PLACE*
9. *Any special requests to presbytery or anything you think presbytery needs to know:*  
*no*

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**RECOMMENDATION #1** from the committee was **APPROVED** by the Presbytery.

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**RECOMMENDATION #2** from the committee was discussed, and a **MOTION** was made to amend the recommendation to add the following phrase: “and charge ONE with recommending to the Moderator names of elders who could potentially serve on the provisional session.” **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

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The **RECOMMENDATION** was then **APPROVED** as amended.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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**Korean Transition and Administrative Commission**

1903121 Rev. GJ Gerard presented the report of the Korean Transition and Administrative Commission (KTAC), which follows here:

*Report of the Korean Transition & Administrative Commission*

*The Korean Transition and Administrative Commission (KTAC) continues its work to maintain contact with the Korean ministers and churches in Northeast Presbytery to provide help and give counsel. Following is a report on current issues.*

1903122 *ONE: At the October 2018 meeting of NEP KTAC appointed and charged as a Commission of NEP to oversee and fulfill the necessary steps for the organization of Jesuwon Church. KTAC has overseen the necessary steps and reports that all is in order for the congregation to be organized. A Worship Service which will include the ordination and installation of two elders to form a session with Rev. Yoon as the Moderator of the Session, to recognize the congregation as an organized church in NEP is scheduled for March 10, 2019.*

**Recommendation:** *KTAC be authorized to conduct a Service of Welcome and Organization of the Jesuswon Church which would include the ordination and installation of the elders-elect, the recognition of Rev. Sungjong Yoon as Moderator of the Session and Pastor of the Church.*

1903123 *TWO: KTAC members have met with Rev. Dong Won Han, pastor of the Grace Church, and with the Session and members of the church regarding their decision to withdraw from NEP. There has been no change in their decision, and all have agreed to continue to follow the instructions of FOG stating there should be a second vote for withdrawal after one year. This would occur as early as August, 2019. Rev. Han desires to remain a minister in NEP and will ask for permission to labor out of bounds of NEP as the pastor of the Grace Church after they have withdrawn.*

1903124 *THREE: Joyful Church lost one of its two active elders. With guidance from KTAC, the Moderator of NEP appointed an elder from Beautiful Disciples Church to serve on a "loaned" basis until a new elder or elders could be elected. One February 24<sup>th</sup> there was a congregational meeting at Joyful Church and the congregation voted to approve Mr. Chung as an elder. It is expected that Mr. Chung will be trained and examined and will be ordained and installed on June 23<sup>rd</sup> which is the anniversary date of the Joyful Church.*

1903125 *FOUR: Yae Dam and Somang (Hope) churches continue to meet in the homes of their pastors (Rev. Jae Lim and Rev. David Choi, respectively). Neither church has an active Provisional Session. There has been no change in this status for more than two years.*



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**Recommendation:** *The pastors of these churches be given ONE YEAR to work with KTAC to secure active Provisional Sessions and to establish reasonable plans for congregational growth and have regular worship services in a public location. If there are no positive changes after one year, the churches would be removed from the roll of NEP and the pastors would be eligible to continue as members of NEP without charge.*

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*FIVE: Global Vision Church continues to meet in the home of the pastor, Rev. Dr. Peter Lee. The status of the appointed Provisional Session is unknown. Dr. Lee would like to secure a public worship location but the congregational giving is insufficient. World Glorious Church also continues to meet in the home of the pastor, Rev. Hae Kim. There is a Provisional Session appointed for this church however no reports have been received in the past year.*

**Recommendation:** *The pastors of these churches be given EIGHTEEN MONTHS to work with KTAC to ensure there are active Provisional Sessions and a public worship location would be secured. If there is no positive progress in growth and viability of these churches they would be removed from the Roll of NEP. The pastors would be eligible to continue on the Roll of NEP as ministers without charge.*

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*SIX: A concern was presented to KTAC concerning the use of church facilities, especially the sanctuary, by outside groups whose activities, practices and religious beliefs may not be in harmony, and in some instances, contradictory to the Standards of the ARPC. KTAC counseled that although local Sessions have authority as to who may use the sanctuary of their respective church, it is recommended that careful discretion be used when permitting outside groups whose religious views are not in harmony with, and perhaps strongly contradictory with the Standards of the ARPC.*

**Recommendation:** *KTAC recommends that Northeast Presbytery endorse the above counsel given and exercise presbyterial oversight and guidance to local Sessions regarding the use of church sanctuaries by outside groups.*

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*SEVEN: Northeast Presbytery has been generous on several occasions in providing financial assistance to local Korean congregations. There is a need for clear guidelines for Korean pastors, Sessions and congregations to follow when requesting financial assistance to prevent undue and incorrect impressions and practices, and to provide for better understanding and oversight of the particular needs, responsibilities and resources to respond to requests from Korean pastors, sessions or congregations.*

**Recommendation:** *KTAC be charged with developing clear, consistent and clarifying guidelines to respond to requests for financial assistance from Korean pastors, sessions or congregations; and these guidelines be presented to NEP at the June 2019 meeting for their approval.*

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The **RECOMMENDATION** under point ONE from the commission was **APPROVED**.

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The **RECOMMENDATION** under point FOUR from the commission was **APPROVED**.

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- 1903131 The **RECOMMENDATION** under point FIVE from the commission was **APPROVED**.
- 1903132 The **RECOMMENDATION** under point SIX from the commission was **APPROVED**, after some discussion.
- 1903133 The **RECOMMENDATION** under point SEVEN from the commission was **APPROVED**.
- 1903134 A final **RECOMMENDATION** was brought from the committee: That KTAC be appointed to oversee the completion of the required documentation and, thereafter, the installation of Rev. Moon as the Associate Pastor of the Jesuwon Church. **SECONDED**. Discussion. **CARRIED**.

**Nominations Committee**

- 1903135 Rev. GJ Gerard presented the report of the Nominations Committee, which follows here, noting that there were still vacancies which needed to be filled:

***Report of the Nominations Committee***

*Following is the current listing of officers and members of Teams, Committees and Liaisons. All terms expire on 30 June of the year given. Names in **bold** are new and need to be affirmed by the Presbytery.*

*Moderator (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)*

***Rev. Daniel Rhee***

*Vice-Moderator (July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020)*

***Rev. Dr. Ridge Orr***

*Principal Clerk (2021)*

*Rev. Jonathan Kuciemba*

*Treasurer (2022)*

***Mrs. Jonathan (Kat) Kuciemba***

*Recording Clerk (2020)*

*Rev. Nathan Beard*

*Director of Communications (2022)*

***Susan Morrisson***

*Christian Education Liaison (2020)*

*Rev. Robert Whittet*

*World Witness Liaison (2022)*

***Rev. William Sutherland***

*World Witness Representative (2020)*

*Rev. GJ Gerard (Alt. Liaison)*

***Nominations Committee***

***Class of 2022***

***Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman***  
***Vacancy***

*Class of 2021*

*Rev. Dr. Suk Ho Moon*  
*Rev. William Sutherland*

*Class of 2020*

*Rev. Dr. Alan Avera (Synod Alternate)*  
***Vacancy***

**Stewardship Committee**

***Class of 2022***

*Class of 2021*

*Class of 2020*

***Ruling Elder Brian Martin***

***Rev. Nathan Beard***

*Re. Paul Matthews, Chairman*

*Ex-Officio Kat Kuciemba (Treasurer)*

***Vacancy***

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**Congregational Life Team**

***Class of 2022***

*Class of 2021*

*Class of 2020*

***Rev. GJ Gerard***

***Rev. Joshua Kitchen***

*Rev. Jin Kwan Kim*

*Rev. Jay McMillan*

*Rev. Herschel Carlson*

***Rev. Paul Yoo***

**Trustees of Presbytery**

***Class of 2025***

*Class of 2024*

*Class of 2023*

*Class of 2022*

*Class of 2021*

*Class of 2020*

***Elder Michael Ritchie, Ballston Cntr***

*Rev. Dr. Ron Pritts, Chairman*

*Ruling Elder Vacancy*

*Rev. Dr. David Johnston*

*Elder Douglas Wright, Atonement*

*Rev. Dr. Curtis Young*

**Credentials Team**

***Class of 2022***

*Class of 2021*

*Class of 2020*

***Rev. Jason Crenshaw***

***Rev. Hong Suk Kim***

***Rev. Andy Bang***

*Rev. Daniel Rhee*

*Rev. Terrence Little*

*Rev. Matt Harmon (Chairman)*

*Rev. Dr. Curtis Young*

*Rev. Dr. David Galletta*

*Rev. Dr. Ian Duguid*

**Pastoral Support/Development Team**

***Class of 2022***

*Class of 2021*

*Class of 2020*

***Rev. Rick Anderson***

***Rev. Jong Chul Kim***

***Rev. Paul Yoo***

*Rev. Dr. Fred Carr*

*Rev. Herschel Carlson*

*Rev. James Bills*

*Rev. Dr. Ridge Orr*

*Rev. Stephen Badorf (Chairman)*

**Outreach Northeast Team**

**Class of 2022**

*Class of 2021*

*Class of 2020*

**Rev. GJ Gerard**

**Rev. Peter Kemeny (Co-Ch.)**

*Ruling Elder Al Haenel*

*Rev. Dr. Alan Avera (Co-Ch)*

*Rev. Jack Van Dyk*

*Rev. Matt Harmon*

*Rev. Hae Gahp Lee*

*Ruling Elder Wayne Greenwood*

1903136 The **RECOMMENDATIONS** of the committee were **APPROVED** all together.

**Stewardship Committee**

1903137 Rev. Paul Matthews presented the report of the Stewardship Committee, together with the Treasurer's report for information. The Stewardship Committee report follows here:

***NEP Stewardship Committee Report  
(given along with Treasurer's Report)***

***1. Mailing address for NEP contributions or reimbursements:***

*Kat Kuciemba/ NEP Treasurer/ 525 Craig Street/ Grove City, PA 16127*

*email: j.k.kuciemba@gmail.com*

*Mileage rate reimbursement: \$0.495 per mile. This is the rate currently used by Central Services, whose formula is the current irs rate (54.5 cents/mile) minus 5 cents.*

***2. Treasurer's Report provided by Kat.***

*a. We had 30 congregations in 2018, of which 21 made financial contributions. And some increased their giving. There were also some personal contributions made and for that we also give thanks. All of this is encouraging. Thank you for your support. If you can't give in finances, give in service & prayer to the work of the NEP.*

*Contributions can be received in the form of a check at this meeting (to either a Committee Member or Our Principal Clerk, Jonathan Kuciemba.*

*b. Income exceeded expenses by just under \$35,000 for which we thank the Lord. Our total available balance is just over \$300,000, up from \$266,000 at the end of 2017. At the end of the year the General Fund was (as in every year) reduced to \$25,000; any amount above that is move to the Church Planting Fund.*

*c. Contributions can be given periodically through the year (monthly, quarterly, semi-annually, annually). To provide you with a sense of the flow of giving throughout 2018, church contributions were for the 1st qrtr: \$6,173; 2nd qrtr: \$3,052; 3rd qrtr: \$6,512; 4rth qrtr: \$15,782. This pattern is uneven but fine.*

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*3. Courtesy copies included with this report of already approved Anticipated contributions for 2019 and Budgeted Expenses for 2019. Thanks to every church and individual for your financial support.*

*4. Remember, we are stewards of our finances, time, talent, gifts and above all, the gospel of Jesus Christ.*

*5. Gifts for the needs of the Crenshaws can be made payable to Ballston Center with an attached note requesting the gift be used for their medical needs. Send them to Ballston Center ARP Church.*

*6. New Windsor, Piney Creek & Kirkridge Churches are still in discussion and prayer for internship/ revitalization support.*

*7. A reminder to all congregations that the Denominational Ministry Fund exists to support our ministries. Churches are not assessed but as a connectional church we are designed to be financially supportive of those who serve us. We are grateful for the congregations who are giving to the DMF and encourage the others to give something, however small it might seem. The DMF includes CEM, ONA, Bonclarken, Central Services, World Witness and Erskine, all of which supplement and complement the work of each congregation.*

*8. Steve Nichols was not able to be present at our Meeting. As the Director of our Foundation he can assist you or members of your congregations with "Personalized Services for Gift and Estate Planning". We recommend you familiarize yourself following website <http://thearpfoundation.org/>. You can also get there from the 'Give' tab on the ARP website ([arpchurch.org](http://arpchurch.org)).*

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**9. Recommendations**

- 1. Receive and approve Treasure's Reports & Stewardship Report,*
- 2. Offer a prayer to our God who provides the means to accomplish his purposes.*

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Rev. Matthews highlighted that there would be an additional line-item in the budget for the website, as approved earlier in the meeting. Rev. GJ Gerard made a **MOTION** to change the budgeted \$100 for the World Witness Liaison to \$300. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

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**RECOMMENDATION 1** from the committee was **APPROVED**.

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**RECOMMENDATION 2** from the committee was **APPROVED**, and Rev. Matthews prayed for the financial provision and stewardship of NEP.

**Additional Old Business**

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Rev. Paul Matthews mentioned the need to continue to pray for Rev. Jason Crenshaw and his family. At the Moderator's request, prayer was offered for Rev. Jason Crenshaw and his family, including daughter Jalaa, by elder Jim Furey.

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**New Business**

1903143 Rev. Curt Young made an announcement about a 24 hour prayer vigil this coming April 12-13 at the Church of the Atonement. He extended an invitation to all the NEP churches to participate with them.

1903144 Rev. G.J. Gerard proposed a memorial to be sent to General Synod, which follows here:

***MEMORIAL TO GENERAL SYNOD Proposed by Rev. GJ Gerard***

*Northeast Presbytery, ARPC, respectfully memorializes the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church to establish a Special Committee to give study to and to make recommendations for revisions to Chapter Eleven, paragraphs 11:23 and 11:24 (Organization Of A Mission Into A Church) of the **Form of Government (FOG)**, with particular attention given to the following:*

*A. Paragraph 11:23 states “ONA guidelines for incorporating an organized church shall be followed.”*

*This paragraph is ambiguous in that an organized church is not under ONA supervision when deciding when and/or how to incorporate or not. This is a presbytery responsibility.*

*Further, paragraph 11:23 appears to place ONA as a higher authority than the General Synod. The Synod approves the **FOG** and the **FOG** should therefore specify the particulars to be followed by a mission church which seeks to be organized, and not leave these particulars to be subject to the “guidelines” of a Board or Agency of the Synod, as such “guidelines” are not approved by the Synod, but only by the Executive Director and/or members of the Board or Agency.*

*Further, paragraph 11:23 states that “ONA guidelines .....shall be followed.” However where are these “guidelines?” They are not in the ONA portion of the Manual of Procedure. If one does a search on the ONA website there is a page which gives a “Procedure for Organizing A New Church” and states the procedure is from the Form of Government of the ARP. However this procedure is NOT part of the current **Form of Government**, but was part of the previous Form of Government. If this procedure was omitted from the current **FOG** then it should not be given as the “guidance” to which the current **FOG** refers.*

*Also, any procedures that the **FOG** requires should be included in the **FOG** or at minimum, immediately available and properly referenced as to their location and not left to the imagination of a person as to where to find them.*

***Northeast Presbytery desires that paragraph 11:23 of the FOG be revised to include the specific, and unambiguous, procedure for ARP presbyteries to follow when organizing a mission church.***

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*B. Paragraph 11:24 is nearly identical to **FOG** Paragraph 9:54, sub-paragraph L. Is it necessary to have this identical material placed in two locations of the **FOG**?*

*These Paragraphs seek to provide instruction and information regarding installing a church planter as pastor at the organizational service of a mission church into an organized church. There is possible ambiguity and a lack of clarity in the context of the material.*

*When does the “called meeting of the petitioners” need to occur? Simply stating “prior to the service,” could mean having a “congregational meeting” (of the petitioners) to approve the call immediately before the beginning of the organizational worship service. The Presbytery could approve (with advance knowledge) the call, subject to the approval of the petitioners.*

*Or must there be a period of time (days, weeks, etc.) between the called meeting of the petitioners and the organizational service?*

*In as much not all (or any) of the ARP Presbyteries have “Commissions on the Minister and His Work,” though some have Committees on the Minister and His Work, or similar Committees, this reference should be omitted from the Paragraphs, as it quite clear that the Presbytery must approve the calls, and can delegate this responsibility and/or authority as when and if it seems best suited to do.*

***Northeast Presbytery desires that the FOG, Paragraphs 11:24 be revised (or removed in light of near identical material being contained in Paragraph 9:54, sub-paragraph L) to provide non-ambiguous clarity regarding the calling and installation of a church planter to be the pastor of a mission church at the time that it is being organized.***

1903145      **MOTION:** to approve the memorial of Rev. Gerard to send to the Synod. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

1903146      At the request of Rev. Jack Van Dyk, and in keeping with the earlier suggestion by Rev. Ron Pritts, the Moderator announced a telephonic called meeting of NEP planned for April 2 at 2:00 PM to ratify the actions taken by the presbytery at this meeting.

## **REPORTS OF THE MODERATOR’S COMMITTEES**

### **Resolutions Committee Report**

1903147      The report of the Resolutions Committee was submitted by Rev. Bill Sutherland and read by the Reading Clerk. The report follows here:

*Be it resolved that Northeast Presbytery of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church give thanks to Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, for the gift of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, and Head of the Church, and the gift of the Holy Spirit.*

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*Be it resolved that Northeast Presbytery expresses its heartfelt thanks to Pastor S. J. Yoon and the elders, deacons, and members of the Jesuwon Community Church for its sacrificial service to Northeast Presbytery in hosting our meeting and providing refreshing fruit and snacks, and a delicious Korean lunch.*

*Further, we give thanks with Jesuwon Church, Orchard of Jesus Church, for its 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary since it was planted in 2004, and its organization as an ARP church this month.*

*And we also give thanks for the blessings in the meeting of presbytery:*

*For the joyful singing and guitar playing by the present and former pastors of Fairmount Presbyterian Church, Nathan Beard and Tony Cowley, and Curt Young's leadership of Holy Communion; for the sermon of licensure candidate, Jonathan Finlayson, and the receiving of him as a student of theology and licensing him to preach within the boundaries of our presbytery;*

*For the special presentations on mental illness by Dr. Mike Emlet; by Dr. Brent Turner, executive director of CEM; and by Rev. Leon Brown, ARP church planter in the city of Los Angeles*

*For the devoted service of Moderator, Ridge Orr, and our Principal Clerk, Jonathan Kuciemba, recording clerk, Nathan Beard, and the chairmen, team leaders of various teams and committees.*

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

1903148 **MOTION:** to receive the report. **SECOND** and **CARRIED**.

**Moderator's Committee to Review Session Minutes**

1903149 Two churches (The Church of the Atonement and Faith ARP in Olney) turned in Session Minutes. Both were reviewed and returned with notes.

**Selection of Location of future meetings**

1903150 The Presbytery was reminded of the following dates and locations of the next meetings of NEP:

Called Meeting (April 2, 2019, 2:00 PM)	Telephonic
Adjourned Meeting (June 11, 2019)	Geneva College, Beaver Falls, PA
Fall Stated Meeting (October 17-18, 2019)	Church of the Atonement Silver Spring, MD
Spring Stated Meeting (March 5-6, 2020)	Location TBD

1903151 **MOTION** to adjourn. **SECONDED** and **CARRIED**.

1903152 The Presbytery closed the Spring meeting with the singing of Psalm 133 at 4:14 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



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/s/ Ridge Orr, Moderator

/s/ Jonathan Kuciemba, Principal Clerk