

Stated Meeting Northeast Presbytery, ARPC

**Thursday, October 9 - 10, 2014
Ballston Center ARP Church
Ballston Spa, NY**

THURSDAY

141001 At 4 PM, on Thursday, October 9, 2014, members of Northeast Presbytery assembled at the Ballston Center Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church, prior to the Fall Stated Meeting for a season of sharing and intercession. At 5:15 P.M. the group recessed for supper.

141002 The Moderator, TE Matthew Harmon, called the Presbytery to order at 7:20 P.M. and then led the assembly, with an opening prayer.

141003 The Clerk called the attention of the Presbytery to the action of the March Stated Meeting (2014) in reference to particular churches and mission congregations reporting to Presbytery that they have a duly installed, or appointed Session

Presbytery voted that the action of the March 2014 session of the NEP – regarding Particular churches and Mission congregations reporting to the Presbytery that they have a duly installed, or appointed, Session – be carried out by the recording of said information at this meeting, and then referred to the Presbytery’s Executive Committee for further consideration before deficient congregations are re-designated as ‘mission congregations’.ⁱ

141004 The Principal Clerk, TE Fred Carr called the roll of Presbytery. During the course of the meeting the following were enrolled.

Ministersⁱⁱ
Ruling Elder Representativesⁱⁱⁱ

141005 The Clerk declared that a quorum was present.

141006 The Clerk presented the Program as recommended by the Executive Committee, which was approved in its distributed form.

141007 Various guests were introduced to the Presbytery.

141008 RE John Meyer, of the Ballston ARP Church, welcomed Presbytery on behalf of the officers and members of the congregation.

The Moderator requested that a member of Presbytery offer a prayer of thanksgiving for the restoration of the Ballston Spa church facility within the past year. TE Paul Matthews led in prayer.

- 141009 The Moderator introduced TE Ridge Orr, who served as Spiritual Life Director during this meeting.

Moderator's Committees

- 141010 The Moderator appointed the Committee on Resolutions and the Committee for the Review of Session Minutes

Leadership

- 141011 The Moderator appointed a Reading Clerk for this meeting of Presbytery. Presbytery voted to accept the appointment of Hae Gahp Lee to serve as Vice-Moderator for the term of 2014 – 2015.

Executive Committee

- 141012 TE Carr reported on behalf of the Executive Committee. The Committee, met telephonically, at the call of the Chairman (Moderator of Presbytery) TE Matthew Harmon, on two occasions.

The first meeting was called for the purpose of responding to the following two items:

1. The request from Rev. Dr. Charles Roberts that Presbytery to dissolve the pastoral relationship between himself and the Ballston Center ARPC, along with the concurrence of the Ballston Center Congregation (at a meeting of the congregation on Sunday, August 17th), and
2. A query from Rev. Clyde Reed about the examination, ordination and installation of a Ruling Elder from/for the Good News ARPC, of Arizona.

- 141013 ACTION :

- [The Executive Committee, acting on behalf of the NEP, voted to dissolve the pastoral relationship between Rev. Dr. Charles Roberts and the Ballston Center Church, ARPC, effective October 18, 2014, Rev. Roberts' last Sunday to be September 29.
- [The Committee voted to continue Rev. Roberts on the roll of NEP, without call.
- [Rev. Roberts offered comments about his future ministry and about the state of the Ballston Center Church. Prayer was offered for both.

[Vote was taken to express appreciation to Rev. Roberts for his 18 years of service to his congregation, and to note especially the outstanding hospitality of the Church toward the Presbytery over many years.

141014 With regard to the second item of the call, the Clerk explained the query of Rev. Clyde Reed, referred to an opinion he previously prepared, and recommended the following action,

1. That the Executive Committee acting on behalf of the NEP, receive the testimony of Rev. Clyde Reed, who has trained and examined (11.16.E) the potential candidate and has advised the NEP ONE that he believes that the gentleman is prepared and called to serve the Lord's church as a ruling elder and that his appointment to the Provisional Session would be in the best interest of the mission congregation;
2. That the Executive Committee appoint the current Provisional Session of the Good New Presbyterian Church to be an ecclesiastical commission of presbytery to examine the gentleman;
3. That, pending the satisfactory outcome of the examination, the ecclesiastical commission
 - a. reports back to the Executive Committee and
 - b. recommends that the man be ordained by the ecclesiastical commission at a suitable time and place;
4. That, following the completion of the afore recommended items, the gentleman be appointed by the Presbytery to be a member of the Provisional Session of the Good News PC.

141015 ACTION: The Executive Committee approved the motion.

The Committee suggested that it would be very helpful if someone from NEP ONE could attend and lead the ordination service, if at all possible, expenses to be borne by the Presbytery.

The second meeting of the Executive Committee was called for the purpose of making plans for this meeting of Presbytery.

Order of the Day

141016 At 8:00 P.M. the Presbytery observed the order of the day for worship.

Leading Worship:	TE Jim Wittke
Preaching:	RE (Candidate) Jonathan Kuciemba
Officiating at Holy Communion:	TE Paul Matthews

141017 Presbytery adjourned for the evening with the closing prayer of the worship

service.

FRIDAY

141018 In accord with the order of the day, Presbytery gathered at 8:45 A.M. for a season of praise and thanksgiving led by TE Ridge Orr.

At 9:30 A.M. Presbytery reconvened. The Moderator called the meeting to order and led in prayer.

REPORT OF THE TRANSITION COMMISSION

141001 Rev. Gerard reported on behalf of the Transition Commission. (see Annex C)^{iv}
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The five recommendations of the Commission were approved of, as presented. Prayer was offered for the Holy Fire Church.

REPORT OF FACT FINDING COMMITTEE

141020 A verbal report was provided by the Fact Finding Committee (see Annex D).^v
No recommendations were presented. Dr. Rhee led in prayer for the Ho Shin Church and for reconciliation of relationships where needed.

The Special Team to Visit the Kirkridge Session

141021 The Special Team Visit to Kirkridge Session did not report.

The Report of the Treasurer

141022 TE Paul Matthews presented a report on behalf of Rebecca Gerard, Treasurer. Presbytery voted to receive the Treasurer's Report, and the 2015 Budget, as amended to include a \$1000 scholarship allocation to each of five separate students of theology (Larson, Kaye, Bills, Perrine and Yoo)^{vi}

The Report of the Principal Clerk

141023 The Principal Clerk presented the following Minutes of Northeast Presbytery which were approved of as presented:

Stated Meeting March 6-7, 2014

Adjourned Meeting June 8, 2014

141024 The Clerk informed the Presbytery of a recent letter from the Principal Clerk of Synod, to Clerks of ARP Presbyteries. The letter had to do with changes to the version of the Westminster Confession which were adopted at Synod 2014, for submission to the presbyteries. The Principal Clerk, Rev. Ron Beard, reminded presbyteries to consider the proposed changes at their Fall Stated meetings, and then vote on them at their

Spring meetings. The Presbytery voted to docket a vote on the changes to the ARP version of the Westminster Confession (adopted at the 2014 Synod) at the Spring Stated Meeting of Presbytery.

The Report of the Credentials Team

- 141025 Presbytery observed the order of the day to hear a partial report from the Credentials Team, in reference to the examination of TE Steve Badorf.

TE Bill Sutherland, Team Leader of the Credentials Team, introduced TE Steven Badorf of the Chesapeake Presbytery (PCA). He reported that TE Badorf has been examined by the Credentials Team and they recommend to the NEP that he be received into membership in NEP pending receipt from the PCA, and presented with the call from the Kirkridge Congregation, and be installed as Pastor of the Kirkridge ARP Church.

The recommendation was adopted unanimously.

- 141026 Presbytery voted to appoint a Commission – convened by TE William Sutherland – to install the Rev. Steven Badorf as Minister of Kirkridge Church on Sunday, November 2, 2014, at 4 PM.

THE REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL CLERK (Continued)

- 141027 It was moved, seconded, carried that the MOP be revised editorially to synchronize with the newly revised numeration of the ARPC Form of Government. This action was considered a friendly, administrative amendment to the MOP.
- 141028 Presbytery heard as a second reading of the proposed changes to the MOP which were presented as a first reading at the March 2014 meeting of NEP. Presbytery voted to amend the MOP. ^{vii}
- 141029 The clerk noted two communiques that have been received.
[“Inquiry with The Minister and Work Committee” dtd May 25, 2014
[“Update on Kirkridge and its Concerns, dtd. June 9, 2014
These were referred to the Special Team To Visit Kirkridge Session.

REPORTS OF PRESBYTERY’S LIASONS WORLD WITNESS LIASON

- 141030 RE Gordon Bell introduced to the Presbytery, the new Director of World Witness, Alex Pettitt. The new director presented information about the strength and integrity of the ARP’s World Witness agency, and of his vision to extend that legacy into its future work.

PASTORAL SUPPORT AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM

- 141031 TE Carr reported on seminarian Thomas Anderson, that he has chosen to pursue some other ministerial path than one that aligns himself with the ARPC. Presbytery voted to remove his name from the NEP list of candidates.

SPECIAL KIRKRIDGE ARPC REPORT

- 141032 The Principal Clerk gave an update regarding the Executive Committee's interim work with the Kirkridge ARP Church.

It was moved, seconded, and passes that the NEP take NO FURTHER ACTION in regard to its ongoing (albeit, failed) attempts to urge TE Carlos Concha to resign from the Session of Kirkridge ARP Church. It was understood that TE Concha's time of service on the session will end in January 2015.

- 141033 It was moved, seconded, and passed: That the printed summaries/reports of the Kirkridge visitation(s) and accompanying correspondence be included in the Minutes of this meeting (Annex F).^{viii}

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY TEAM

- 141034 TE Jay McMillen gave a report on the Fairmont Church. No recommendations were made.

ORDER OF THE DAY

- 141035 At 12:15 PM, Presbytery recessed for lunch.

During the recess, Presbytery saw a video presentation about the PAK7 missionary endeavor.

Presbytery reconvened at 1:00 PM and opened with prayer.

Presbytery voted to affirm its interest in, and support of, the PAK7 endeavors; and that Presbytery officially encourage all congregations to support the PAK7 ministry with their prayer and financial support; and that this Presbytery affirm this support in an official correspondence to World Witness of the ARPC.

CONGREGATIONAL LIFE MINISTRY TEAM

(continued)

- 141036 TE Jack Van Dyk shared that Christian Center Ministries (ARPC) and the Christian day school that it runs is suffering financially – to the point wherein he anticipates that the NEP Executive Committee will be called upon, sometime shortly, to approve of the sale of some –or all – of the church's real property. This was received as a point of

information.

OUTREACH NORTHEAST

- 141037 The report of the Outreach Northeast Committee was presented.
- 141038 **Global Vision will be requesting organization in December.** There are two elder candidates. A complete information packet has been prepared by Rev. Peter Lee.
- 141039 **Recommendation 1:** To approve the request of Global Vision Mission Church to be organized.

APPROVED

- 141040 **Recommendation 2:** That NEP appoint a Commission to conduct a Service of Organization of the Global Vision Church (mission) to become a full member Church of NEP; and to interview and upon approval, to ordain the two elder candidates and install them as the Session of the Church; and to approve the Pastoral Call, and to install the Rev. Dr. Tae Mun (Peter) Lee as the Pastor of Global Vision Church.
- 141041 **Recommendation 3:** That G.J. Gerard select the members of the commission to conduct a service of organization for Global Vision and to interview and ordain the elder candidates.

APPROVED

- 141042 **All Nations Mission Church in Queens, NY requested 3 years of financial support from ONA and ONE to help pay for the rent in order to get the congregation into a growth mode so the congregation can reach organizational status by the end of three years.**
- 141043 **Recommendation 1:** In lieu of Pastor Bang's request the ONE committee recommends that Pastor Bang do a one-year funded church-planting residency with a formal learning contract (agreed upon by ONE, ONA and Rev. Bang) prior to his being recommended as a church planter. This was the course of action recommended by the 2010 Church Planter's Assessment Center that Pastor Bang attended. This church planting residency would have to be approved by the ONE Committee.

APPROVED

- 141044 **Recommendation 2:** That NEP request \$18,000 from ONA for a one-year church planting residency, and that presbytery approve \$12,000 for a one-year church planting residency.

APPROVED

- 141045 **Recommendation 3:** That G.J. Gerard work with Andy Bang to identify a mentor and to prepare a contract for the Church Planting Residency

APPROVED

- 141046 **Christ Presbyterian in Philadelphia (Iain Duguid) Designated as a “Mission Congregation”**

- 141047 **Recommendation 1:** To recognize Christ Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia as a mission congregation.

Adopted

- 141048 **Recommendation 2:** To appoint the session of Christ Presbyterian Church of Grove City as the provisional session (as this is a mother-daughter church plant). Iain Duguid will continue his call with Grove City until July 2015, at which point he will be called as mission developer for the new work in Philadelphia.

Adopted

- 141049 **Recommendation 3:** To authorize the provisional session to appoint a treasurer for this work.

Adopted

- 141050 **Recommendation 4:** To notify ONA that NEP will be requesting a 3-year supplement from ONA beginning July 2015. The total supplement that will be requested is \$30,000 over 3 years.

Adopted

- 141051 **Church Planting Proposal for Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, Grand Rapids, MI**

- 141052 **Recommendation 1:** That the Church Planting Proposal of HTPC be approved.

Approved

- 141053 **Recommendation 2:** That when an ONA/ONE approved mission developer be identified and called to Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church, that Northeast

Presbytery fund HTPC over the course of 3 years in the amount of 1st year \$30,000, 2nd year \$20,000, 3rd year \$10,000 (\$60,000 total).

Approved

141054 **Recommendation 3:** Concerning the HTPC proposed budget

[1. That the pastor's salary/housing allowance be raised from \$55,000 to at least \$60,000.

[ONE believes that HTPC has underestimated its projected congregational giving and encourages HTPC to develop a more realistic estimate of projected congregational giving.

[That HTPC add liability insurance to its budget and study a sample budget from an established congregation to discover if it has overlooked any other essential budget items.

Approved

141055 **Recommendation 4:** Concerning nominees to the provisional session

1. that Bill MacKay, a ruling elder from Grace Presbyterian Church (ARP), Woodstock, Ontario be added as a ruling elder to the provisional session of Holy Trinity Presbyterian Church.

2. that Rev. Bruce Kuiper and Rev. Charles Oliviera be examined via teleconference by the ONE as to their commitments to the Standards of the ARP, and if found satisfactory, to granted to serve as teaching elders in the capacity of a ruling elders on the provisional session.

Approved

141056 **Westminster Presbyterian Church – An exploratory work in York, PA – Rev. Jim Wittke**

141057 **Recommendation of the ONE Committee:** That the York work be commended for its progress and that the ONE committee continue to assess the work before designating it as a mission church.

Approved

141058 **New Vision Church is delinquent in making payments on its loan from ONA.** No recommendations. Prayer was offered.

NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE

141059 The Nominations Committee presented the attached report which was received. (see Annex G).^{ix}

SPECIAL MISSIONS REPORT

141060 Joshua Jung shared of his work in, and vision for, Mexico.

REPORTS OF THE MODERATOR'S COMMITTEES

141061 **Resolutions Committee**

TE Jay McMillen offered several resolutions of thanks which reflected the gratitude of the Presbytery.

The Committee on the Review of Minutes of Session

141062 The Minutes of four churches were reviewed and approved.

EXCUSED ABSENCES

141063 TE Carr reported that the following had requested to be excused from this meeting of NEP: Jin K. Kim, John Marsh, Tony Cowley, Keven Muldoon, Clyde Reed, Charles Roberts, Rick Anderson, Iain Duguid, Bengy Willford, David Galletta, Herschel Carlson, John Hoeprich, and Bob Whittet.

Presbytery voted to grant these requests to be excused.

FUTURE MEETINGS OF PRESBYTERY

141064 Presbytery voted to accept the following invitations to conduct future meetings.

Spring Stated Meeting (2015)	Jesuwon Community Church
Adjourned Meeting (2015)	Bonclarken
Fall Stated Meeting (2015)	Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church, Flushing, NY

CLOSING

141065 Following the singing of Psalm 133, the Moderator closed the meeting in prayer.

/s/ Matthew Harmon, Moderator
Clerk

/s/ Fredrick S. Carr,

i□*Note: The solution to this problem did not provide a satisfactory, full and accurate assessment of the situation. The Principal Clerk took the initiative to send a query to all pastors and congregation so as to acquire an itemized and written report.*

ii□Annex A: Ministers Who Were Enrolled (*Note: roster will be included in the final draft of these minutes.*)

iii□Annex B: Congregations from which Elder Representatives: Ballston Center, Christ Presbyterian, Church of the Atonement, Faith Presbyterian, Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian, Kirkridge ARP, Lifeline Community, New Windsor, Piney Creek

iv□Annex C: Report of the Transitions Commission

6 October 2014

The Transition Commission of Northeast Presbytery was established after the reception in 2007 of the Hyo Shin Bible Presbyterian Church, the Joyful Church of New York and the Yae Dam Presbyterian Church, and five Korean ministers, in order to assist the Korean churches and ministers of Northeast Presbytery to become integrated into the life and ministry of the Presbytery. The Commission acts on behalf of the Presbytery, as directed, to provide assistance, guidance and direction to the Korean-speaking churches and ministers of the Presbytery.

There are currently 14 Korean language churches in Northeast Presbytery, 23 Korean ministers and two Korean students of theology. Additionally, there are several other Korean ministers and churches which have expressed interest in affiliating with Northeast Presbytery.

Five congregations have active sessions composed of installed ruling elders: Hyo Shin, Joyful, New Vision, Somang (Hope) and Soonshin. Seven congregations have appointed provisional sessions: Beautiful Disciples, Flock, Holy Covenant, Holy Fire, Jesuwon, New Covenant and Yae Dam. There are two mission congregations: All Nations Mission Church and Global Vision ARP Church.

Here is a report and recommendations regarding the above-listed congregations.

One. Hyo Shin Church, Flushing, NYC, NY, is averaging 1000 adults and children at seven worship services, including one English service, each Sunday. Rev. Dr. Suk Ho Moon is the Senior Pastor and Rev. S. Kim is an Associate Pastor. There are several ordained Assistant Pastors who are not members of NEP. Hyo Shin Church has an active missionary focus and supports a number of Korean missionaries and ministries in Latin America and Asia. The church is one of the larger Presbyterian churches in the Korean community of Queens, New York City. There is an active, installed session.

Two. Joyful Church of NY is located in Fresh Meadows, Queens, NYC and has two Sunday services with some 200 people attending. The Pastor is Rev. Hong Suk Kim and the Associate Pastor is Rev. Chang Taek Jeong. The church has an all-brass orchestra which performs annual concerts. The church supports several mission works in Latin America and Asia. Joyful Church has an active session of installed elders.

Three. New Vision Church is located in Flushing, NYC and is in the process of selling its current building to move to a smaller, more affordable location, at which time an outstanding loan with ONA will be repaid. New Vision Church is in communications with ONA regarding its fiscal responsibilities concerning this loan. The church has a weekly attendance between 40 and 50 adults. Rev D. I. Hwang is the Pastor. New Vision Church recently celebrated its 22nd anniversary with the ordination and installation of 3 deacons, and the appointment/installation of 5 women to serve as evangelists to teach the Bible to women in their homes. There are two Ruling Elders currently serving on the Session.

Four. Somang (Hope) Church is located in Syosset, LI, NY and rents space from an Episcopal church, which has closed but the diocese permits Somang to continue to rent the facilities. Rev. David Choi is the Pastor. The congregation was averaging in the 30's, but there has been a decline in the past year. There is an installed session.

Five. Soonshin Church meets in an Episcopal church in Plainview, LI, NY. Rev. Dr. C.K. Rhee is the Pastor. There is an installed session for this small congregation. Dr. Rhee has expressed interest in having an associate to assist in re-building and strengthening the congregation for its continued ministry.

Six. Beautiful Disciples Church meets in rented rooms in Little Neck, LI, NY. Rev. Young Su Park is the Pastor. The congregation averages 40 – 50 adults and children on Sundays. There is a Provisional Session consisting of Ruling Elder David Lee, and Teaching Elder Hong Suk Kim. Beautiful Disciples Church has a “younger-than-average” congregation and has grown slowly in membership during the past 4 years.

Seven. Flock Church is a small congregation that recently moved to the Grace Episcopal Church in Whitesides, Queens, NYC. Rev. Jin Kwa Kim is the Pastor.

The congregation which was numbering in 30’s and 40’s has declined to the 10’s and 20’s. Rev. Kim is recovering from a lengthy illness and is working to re-build the congregation following its move to a more suitable location. The Flock church has a provisional session consisting of Rev. Daniel Rhee and Rev. D.I. Hwang.

Eight. Holy Covenant Church is located in a suburb of Lancaster, PA and Rev. Jong Chul Kim is the Pastor. Holy Covenant Church worships at the Grace Brethren Church. The congregation averages 25 – 35 adults and youth. There are several “second-generation” youth in the congregation. The Provisional Session of Holy Covenant Church consists of Teaching Elders Seong Jong Yoon and Hae Gahp Lee. Holy Covenant is a stable, self-supporting congregation exhibiting a slow, but steady growth pattern.

Nine. Holy Fire Church of Leonia, NJ was founded some 25 years ago by Rev. Daniel Rhee who retired in 2012. Rev. Byong Yong Kim is the current pastor. The status of the church is unknown at present, as the Grace Lutheran Church where it was meeting was closed and the building is now vacant and being sold with an asking price of \$2.5 million. Efforts (visits and E-Mails) to contact Rev. Kim to determine if the Holy Fire Church is still meeting have not been fruitful. The appointed Provisional Session of Holy Fire, Teaching Elders D.I. Hwang and J.K. Kim have also been unable to learn the current status.

Ten. Jesuwon Church in Horsham, PA is a growing congregation which recently secured their own church building and is refurbishing the interior and is looking forward to hosting NEP in March, 2015. Rev. Seong Jong Yoon is the pastor and Rev. Joshua Jung is the Associate Pastor/Missionary. The congregation averages 50 – 70 adults, youth and children each Sunday including a number of “second-generation” youth. Jesuwon Church has a very active “home fellowship group” ministry and has appointed and installed seven men to lead these cell groups. These men could be considered as potential Ruling Elders when they have demonstrated sufficient experience and spiritual maturity. The Provisional Session consists of Teaching Elders Daniel Rhee and Hae Gahp Lee. Jesuwon Church is a strong, self-supporting congregation exhibiting a moderate growth rate.

Eleven. New Covenant Church is located in Fairfax County VA. The Pastor is Rev. Hae Gahp Lee. The Church worships jointly on Sunday mornings with three other small reformed churches (PCA and KAPC) at a suburban middle school, with a combined attendance in the 50 – 100 range depending on weather and events. New Covenant Church rents a small Baptist Church in Chantilly, VA for weekday activities. The congregation numbers in the 30- 40 range, including adults and children. The Provisional Session consists of Teaching Elders Seong Jong Yoon and Jong Chul Kim. New Covenant Church is financially stable and has an active congregation which is small but steadily increasing in size.

Twelve. The Yae Dam Presbyterian Church of Flushing, NYC, has seen growth and decline during its time as a member of NEP. Rev. Jae Hong Lim is the pastor. While it did meet in rented quarters and numbered in the 30 – 40’s before joining NEP, the numbers had decreased and Yae Dam was essentially a house church when it came under the ARPC banner. There was some growth and the church once again rented facilities, with the support of ONE and ONA, however finances were insufficient to continue, and coupled with a temporary illness of the pastor, the church returned to a house church situation, though it has tried to re-locate in affordable facilities in the Flushing area. The Provisional Session members are Teaching Elders Rev. Dr. J.I. Pang, and Rev. Hong Suk Kim.

Thirteen. All Nations Mission Church is an approved Mission Congregation of NEP. Rev. Byong (Andy) Bang is the Pastor. Andy conducts both Korean and Spanish worship services on Sunday, and a Spanish outreach ministry on Wednesdays. Planning is underway to shift to a “church planting” emphasis to firmly plant the All Nations Mission Church as a strong, self-supporting congregation. The Provisional Session consists of Ruling Elder Jae Chul Bea, and Teaching Elder Hong Suk Kim.

Fourteen. The Global Vision ARP Church is an approved Mission Congregation of NEP which was founded some 6 – 7 years ago by the Rev. Dr. Peter Lee. The congregation has grown, matured and become more stable, with attendance averaging over 40 each Sunday. Global Vision is requesting that NEP organize the congregation as a member church of

the Presbytery. There are two Ruling Elder candidates to form an installed Session. The church rents space for worship and study. Finances are steadily improving and should prove sufficient when ONE and ONA support ends in the coming year(s). The current Provisional Session is Rev. Dr. C.K. Rhee and Rev. Jin Kwa Kim.

Recommendations:

A. The five churches listed above as organized churches with installed Sessions be reminded of the requirement of the FOG to conduct monthly session meetings, to maintain accurate minutes and to submit the minutes for an annual review by Northeast Presbytery. Session members are requested and expected to read the new FOG chapters pertaining to the duties and responsibilities of Ruling Elders and Sessions of organized congregations and to ensure adherence. (Recommendation approved)

B. The seven congregations listed above as being self-supporting with Presbytery- approved pastors, but having provisional sessions, be enrolled as mission congregations of Northeast Presbytery until such time as they are able to elect, ordain and install ruling elders in order to form self-governing sessions. The Transition Commission is charged to monitor the progress of these congregations towards self-government and to provide periodic reports to the Presbytery. (Recommendation approved)

C. The membership for the several Provisional Sessions listed above be approved. (Recommendation approved)

D. The Transition Commission be charged to ascertain the status of the Holy Fire Church, with action to be taken by the Presbytery at the March 2015 meeting regarding its continued membership in Northeast Presbytery. (Recommendation approved)

E. Approve the Rev. Daniel Rhee to be a member of the Transition Commission. (Recommendation approved)

Prepared and Submitted by:

Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman
Transition Commission
Northeast Presbytery, ARPC

Commission membership: Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman, Rev. David Johnston, Rev. Ron Pritts, Rev. Alan Avera, Ruling Elder Al Haenel

v²Annex D : Report of the Ecclesiastical Fact Finding Committee.

The Ecclesiastical Fact Finding Committee (EFFC) was established by the Executive Committee of Northeast Presbytery during December 2013 in response to correspondence received by the Principal Clerk, and other officers and members of Northeast Presbytery, regarding alleged irregularities which had and/or were occurring at the Hyo Shin Church and/or concerning the ministry of Rev. Dr. Suk Ho Moon.

The EFFC has met several times by telephone conference calls and also personally met with Rev. Moon and Ruling Elders of Hyo Shin Church at the March meeting of NEP. Members of the EFFC also met with Dr. Moon and/or individual Ruling Elders of Hyo Shin. The EFFC provided update reports to members of the Executive Committee to inform them of the work and progress of the EFFC.

In June 2014, in response to a Recommendation of the EFFC, the Principal Clerk, on behalf of and with the approval of the Executive Committee, sent official letters to Rev. Dr. Moon and to the Session of the Hyo Shin Church offering pastoral guidance for them to follow in response to the allegations that were raised. The Principal Clerk also corresponded with the attorney representing the allegers, and also to those individuals who had sent written concerns, inviting them to complete an Information Request form prepared by the EFFC. The Clerk has not reported any response to this correspondence.

It has been reported to the EFFC there is a current civil suit that is pending in the New York court system that was brought by the allegers against Rev. Dr. Moon and the Hyo Shin Church. Disposition of this suit has been postponed on several occasions by the prevailing judge and there is no clear date or understanding when any final action may occur. There were

initial restrictions imposed by the court which greatly limited the Session and or Pastor to exercise their rightful functions, however most of these restrictions, with the exception of restrictions regarding purchase, sale or other disposition of property, etc., have been removed.

The EFFC is patiently waiting to receive responses from the correspondence sent by the Principal Clerk as well as updated information regarding the status of the civil suit. Informal reports from the Pastor and Session state that all the worship and service ministries of the Hyo Shin Church are continuing, however, there has been a loss of approximately 10 – 15% in active participants and attendance. Conversations with Dr. Moon and Session members also indicate that Hyo Shin Church is slowly being restored with peace and unity and without continuing problems.

The EFFC continues to monitor the situation and will respond to any new information that is provided.

Prepared and Submitted by:

Rev. GJ Gerard
Chairman
Ecclesiastical Fact Finding Committee
Northeast Presbytery, ARPC

October 6, 2014

Committee Membership: Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman, Rev. Ridge Orr, Rev. Dr. Fred S. Carr, Rev. Daniel Rhee, Rev. Jin Kwan Kim, Rev. D. I. Hwang,

vi Annex E : NEP Budget for 2015

Anticipated Pledges (Contributions) for 2015
Northeast Presbytery (ARPC)

General Fund

All Nations	
Ballston Center	3,500
Beautiful Disciples	400
Calvary Chapel	
Christian Center Ministries (VA)	
Christ Presbyterian	900
Church of the Atonement	1,600
Fairmount	500
Faith (PA)	
Faith (MD)	300
Flock	300
Global Vision	350
Good News (AZ)	300
Good News (MD)	500
Holy Covenant	
Holy Fire (NJ)	600
Holy Trinity	
Hyo Shin	
Iranian Church	
Jesuwon Church	
Joyful Church	800
Kirkridge	100

Lifeline (PA)	2,667
New Covenant	
New Vision	600
New Windsor	300
Piney Creek	550
Tri-State	350
Yae Dam	<u>300</u>
Sub-Total	\$14,917

2015 Budget

Line items
2014
2015 proposed
2015 approved

4010 Ecclesiastical Commissions	1000	1000
4020 Stewardship Committee	200	200
4030 Nominations Committee	100	100
4040 Outreach Northeast Committee	1000	1000
4041 Outreach Northeast	10,000	10000
4050 Credentials Team	1200	1200
4060 Congregational Life Team	1300	1300

4070 Pastoral Support Team	3,000 3000
-01 Scholarship:	1,000 1,000
-02 Scholarship:	1,000 1,000
-03 Scholarship:	1,000 1,000
-04 Scholarship:	1,000 1,000
-05 Scholarship:	1,000 1,000
-06 Scholarship:	1,000 1,000
4080-01 Moderator of NEP	200 200
4080-02 Principal Clerk of NEP	1,500 1500
4080-03 Treasurer of NEP	1,500 1500
4080-04 Secretary to the Clerk of NEP	850 850
4090 Executive Committee	50

	100
4100 World Witness Liaison	100 100
4120 Christian Education Liaison	0 0
4130 Spiritual Life Director	0 0
4030 Director of Communications	750 750
4160 Women's Ministry	1,000 1000
----- Translators	1,000 1000
----- Teleconference calls	1,000 1000
----- Church Mutual Liability Insurance	\$1,206 1206
Total	\$32,956

It was noted that the Mercy Fund is not a part of the budget. It is a restricted fund that only distributes monies received from individuals or churches that so designate with their gifts "for Mercy Fund". The gifts are for sole purpose of assisting pastors/ministers in transition.

It was further noted that in reviewing our Spring 2014 Minutes:

- [item #140324 we voted to move \$43,000 from the General Fund to the ONE church support fund
- [item #140324 we approved "In any fiscal year when the balance of the General Fund exceeds \$25,000, the Treasurer will have authority to transfer the surplus (beyond \$25,000) into the ONE Church Planting Fund."

vii Annex F : MOP Amendment

TE Carr presented as a second reading, the following Amendments to the MOP, which were received by the Presbytery

4.13 Duties (*of the Stewardship Committee*)

e) Provide administrative oversight and direction for the solicitation of and distribution of funds collected by Presbytery's Mercy Fund

Chapter 10 Presbytery Mercy Fund.

1.1 The Presbytery maintains a Mercy Fund (a restricted fund) which is administered by the Stewardship Committee. It is be used to assist ministers 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. It is not intended to subsidize basic, ongoing living expenses except as related to a transition.

1.2 The Mercy Fund will be designated an account in the ledger. Money for this ministry will be received by voluntary contribution. Receipts and disbursements will be included in the Treasurer's reports to Presbytery.

1.3 Requests for assistance may come from any congregation, ministry team/committee, minister or elder of Northeast Presbytery. Requests should be directed to the Stewardship Committee and should include the following:

Name, address, phone number, and date of request
Recipient's relationship to Northeast Presbytery
Reasons for assistance
Amount of assistance

1.4 The Stewardship Committee will give due consideration to requests based on need. Upon approval of a Mercy Fund contribution to the minister under consideration, they will direct the Treasurer to prepare a check, in the amount approved, to the authorized recipient of the funds.

1.5 Churches and individuals that want to make contributions to this fund should state in a letter that accompanies their check whether they have a "recommendation" as to the recipient of their gift.

1.6 Records of all receipts to and expenditures from the Fund shall be maintained by the Treasurer.

viii Annex G: Summaries of the Kirkridge visitation by NEP

2011 The executive committee approved a request from the Session of Kirkridge ARPC (which had the consent and support of the congregation), to appoint Rev. Carlos Concha as a "provisional elder" of a period of four years (2011 – 2015) at the Kirkridge Church. It was understood that he would function in the role of a Ruling elder, and would give appropriate deference to the called pastor in matters that are ordinarily performed by the settled pastor of the congregation.

2011 March Presbytery was informed of this action at its Spring Stated Meeting (March 3-4, 2011).

Note: Presbytery took no action to countermand the Executive Committee's action; this was de facto concurrence with the Committee's action.

Note: There is no provision in the MOP or the FOG for this sort of appointment, however, Presbytery acted on the basis of the following principles:

MOP, "Chapter 10. Matters Not Provided For" says, 10.01 Such matters and details of church government or procedure not expressly provided for in this Manual shall be determined by Northeast Presbytery according to the general Principles of the Form of Government of the General Synod of the Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church and the established order and policy of the Church."

MOP Para. 6.15 a) Duties of the Outreach Northeast Team.

When unable to secure and appoint ruling elders to form a provisional session, Presbytery may appoint teaching elders to serve on the provisional session until such time as ruling elders can be appointed.

2013 October Presbytery voted to ask the pastoral support team to interview Rev. Concha regarding his deference to and support of Rev. Wittke and bring a report to the Presbytery in October. (Unanimous) That meeting took place and the minutes recorded the following: "A report from the luncheon meeting of the Pastoral Support Team and TE Carlos Concha be received as information."

2014 June Presbytery received a letter dtd June 9, 2014 from Rev. Concha

2014 June Presbytery voted that the concerns of Kirkridge congregation expressed in a June 9, 2014 letter and the concerns expressed by Rev. Carlos Concha be docketed for consideration at the October meeting. Presbytery also voted to send a pastoral team (Paul Matthews, Steve Manning, Ridge Orr, and David Johnston) to meet with the Kirkridge elders to hear their concerns.

2014 July 25 Report of the Special Team Visit to Kirkridge Session.

ix Annex H : Report of the Nominations Committee, Northeast Presbytery, ARPC

The Nominations Committee reports the following:

A. The Rev. Hae Gahp Lee, Pastor of the New Covenant Church in Chantilly, VA has agreed to serve as Vice-Moderator for July 2014 – June 2015.

Recommendation: Recognize the appointment of Rev. Hae Gahp Lee as Vice-Moderator for July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015.

B. The Rev. Daniel Rhee, retired, has agreed to serve as a member of the Transition Commission of NEP.

Recommendation: Appoint Rev. Daniel Rhee to serve as a member of the Transition Commission of NEP.

C. The Rev. Dr. Charles Roberts has submitted his resignation as a member of Outreach Northeast (ONE).

Recommendation: Accept the resignation of Rev. Roberts from ONE.

D. Participation on Presbytery Teams, Committees, Liaison positions, etc., is available to ALL members of NEP who volunteer and/or otherwise indicate their desire to serve. Presently, additional help is needed for the Outreach Northeast Team, The Pastoral Support Team, and the Congregational Life Team.

Recommendation: Pastors of NEP should inform the members of their Sessions and/or Diaconates of the opportunities for service on the Teams, Committees and other leadership positions in NEP and submit names of interested persons to the Nominations Committee.

Prepared by:

Rev. GJ Gerard, Chairman

3 October 2014