

## DRAFT Vision Team Minutes

### Attendance

CRE Kirk Woodward  
TE Steve Huston  
TE Jeremy Campbell  
RE Gayle Griffin  
RE Skip Winter Jr.  
TE Dan Martian  
TE Bill Schramm  
RE Linwood Bagby  
CRE Maria Santa  
RE Debbie Johnson  
TE Berj Gulleyan

### Excused

TE Berj Gulleyan  
TE Timothy Son  
TE Wanda Lundy

### Guests:

TE Joanne Van Sant  
TE Eileen Lindner

The Vision team met for its regular meeting on Thursday May 19th at 4PM via zoom. In addition to members of the Vision Team, some members of the Process Development Team which had been working with Counterstories Consulting joined the vision team to debrief that experience and share thoughts on next steps.

Following prayer and devotion let by Steve Huston It was **Voted** to enact the following corporate resolution "Be it resolved that the trustees of the Presbytery of the Northeast New Jersey, Inc appoint Rev. Denise Kennedy as Treasurer of the Corporation. This appointment is effective as of 2/15/2022 the date of her election by the ecclesial body. It is further resolved that the authorized signers for accounts held by the Presbytery of the Northeast New Jersey, Inc. be Rev. Kennedy, Judith Tharaud assistant treasurer, and Rev. Jeremy Campbell Stated Clerk and corporate secretary." This was precipitated by what was being asked in order that the presbytery receive the Zimmerman funds which were part of a bequest.

The group then had a chance to debrief their experience with counterstories and to continue to discuss the report and recommendations. From the discussion the following themes emerged, folks felt the report didn't feel particularly tailored to our unique needs, it felt generic and recycled. Second there is the feeling that this is a lot of work, needs to involve a lot of people and at this point in the pandemic people are tired and engagement is very difficult. Third there is an acute current need for administrative and some governance and financial structure to be built out and lastly there is a desire/need to develop relationships within the new presbytery, with congregations and to listen deeply.

There was discussion of putting together teams to work on different areas of those 4 foci which emerged

It was **VOTED** to continue to the first two steps on our own from the process outlined by counterstories. Additionally we will focus on helping congregations emerge from COVID, developing capacity for pastoral leadership and building relationships.

There was lengthy discussion of how to build out some more administrative structure and it was agreed that some proposals would be brought back in June. It was also agreed that the Leadership Summit will be a key part of increasing communication.

the meeting was closed with prayer

Attest

Jeremy Campbell  
Organizing Co-Leader/Stated Clerk/Corporate Secretary