

## **Stated Clerk's Report December 10th 2024**

### **Consent Agenda**

- 1) Approve the Docket for this meeting.
- 2) Approve the Excuses collected at the meeting.
- 3) Approve the Minutes of the September 2024 Stated Meeting as circulated.
- 4) Receive the Treasures Report.
- 5) Receive the Report of the Vision Team with the exception any Items called out for Presbytery Action.
- 6) Receive the Report of the COM with the exception any Items called out for Presbytery Action.
- 7) Approve the designation of Housing Allowance for Rev. Jeremy Campbell and Rev. Steve Huston as indicated in the Clerks Written Report.
- 8) Approve the proposal to redress the potential imbalance between Teaching and Ruling Elders as outlined in the Clerks Written Report.
- 9) Set the Meeting Schedule for 2025 as indicated in the clerk's written report.
- 10) Receive the interim report of the Administrative Commission serving the former Calvin, Linden congregation.
- 11) Receive the interim report of the Administrative Commission serving the True Light, Paramus congregation and extend their warrant 6 months at their request according to the rationale provided in their report.
- 12) Receive the annual publication of the roll of the Presbytery.
- 13) Receive the minutes of the administrative commission to install Rev. Ezequiel Herrera at Central Presbyterian Church Montclair
- 14) Receive the minutes of the administrative commission to install Rev. Jennifer Van Zandt at Springfield.

### **Clerks Report**

A) Proposal to redress the imbalance between Ruling and Teaching Elders. Currently our By-laws and standing rules allow the following. 1 Ruling Elder Commissioner pre congregation. An additional commissioner is allotted for each church with an active membership over 500 members, additionally each church whose membership is more than 15% non-anglo is granted 1 additional commissioner. Beyond these Ruling Elders who have been commissioned to pastoral service, who have served as moderator of PNENJ, who had served as moderator in Elizabeth or Newark Presbyteries where this was their tradition are continuing members of the presbytery. Additionally those ruling elders who serve on the Vision Team or who are conveners (chairs) of a presbytery entity are enrolled as members of the presbytery for the term of their service. In our experience meetings have been reasonably balanced. As we have transitioned to a new process for taking attendance the clerk will review actual attendance in 2025 and propose any such change as may be necessary to ensure balance.

B) Housing Allowance — Set the housing allowance for 2024 for Rev. Jeremy Campbell at \$65,000 and Rev. Steve Huston at \$50,000 of their respective cash salaries.

C) 2025 Meeting schedule – Set the Meeting Schedule for 2025 as follows, the last Tuesday of January (1/28/25 on zoom) the third Saturday of May (annual meeting of the presbytery 5/17/25, in person) and the second Saturday before Thanksgiving in November (11/15/25. in person) This year that Saturday is the third but it doesn't work out that way every year so if this plan works well we will stick to the 2 Saturdays before Thanksgiving. There will be a presbytery gathering in September or October with the weight of a stated meeting but not for the purpose of business. It will be an opportunity to engage in worship fellowship and/or learning together.

D) Take notice that since the last reporting there have been no implementation of the Presbytery's Sexual Misconduct policy... (Since the inception of the Presbytery of Northeast New Jersey there have been thankfully no implementations of this policy)