

Presbytery Meeting Highlights

January 24, 2017

*(The Moderator has called a **SPECIAL MEETING** of the Presbytery to be held at the West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood, on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 at 6:15 pm to continue to discuss the Mission Study Team Report. A buffet dinner will begin at 5:30 p.m.)*

*(The next **REGULAR MEETING** of the Presbytery will be held at the First Presbyterian Church, Hackensack, on Tuesday, March 21, 2017. Light Refreshments at 5:15pm; Call to Order 6:00pm.) The Rev. Steven McClelland, Pastor.)*

The Presbytery met on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church in Ramsey, NJ. Prior to the meeting, Marion Spranger and the Rev. Dr. Peter Carey shared information on parish nursing and Parish Nursing Interfaith Training & Outreach, Inc. (More information is on the Presbytery website.) This was followed by light refreshments.

After the call to order, prayer, and opening business, we heard the report of the Bills and Overtures Committee that recommended the approval of the eight overtures sent to the Presbyteries by the General Assembly. These were unanimously approved. (More information is on the Presbytery website.)

Please note: the docket and a complete list of actions, including the consent agenda, is available on the Presbytery website.

The Presbytery elected members to various boards and committees. There were no oral reports from the Committee on Ministry or the Board of Trustees.

The Minute(s) for Mission included a wonderful presentation from Diane Anderson on Faith Works in Paterson. Diane and her team engage folks on the streets; provide meals, clothing, and prayer. Following was a presentation from Elise Bates Russell on Camp Johnsonburg explaining their residential camping and mission programs. They also can bring their programs to your Church.

The Presbytery then met in Worship centered around Revelation 2:2-4, *"I know your works, your toil and your patient endurance. I know that you cannot tolerate evildoers; you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them to be false. I also know that you are enduring patiently and bearing up for the sake of my name, and that you have not grown weary. But I have this against you, that you have abandoned the love you had at first."* The Presbytery then installed Ruling Elder Marcena Steele as Moderator and the Rev. Steven McClelland as Vice Moderator of the Presbytery; the Rev. Jon Brown asked the constitutional questions.

The Presbytery received the Council report's, and upon their recommendation, elected Ruling Elders Marcy Steele and Jamie Cella to be our representatives to report to the Synod of the Northeast's Mission and Ministries Commission, Administrative Working Group this January. Additionally, the Council asked for volunteers to serve on a Task Force to continue to process the SARC Report Recommendations. The following volunteered and were elected: Teaching Elder Wanda Lundy, Teaching Elder Eileen Lindner, Ruling Elder James Cella, Teaching Elder Jon Brown, and Teaching Elder Abbie Huff.

The Presbytery received the report from the Mission Study Team. Ruling Elder Barkley Caulkins and Teaching Elder Sam Weddington took the Presbytery through the report and answered general questions. The Presbytery decided to call a special meeting in February to continue the discussion of the report.

The meeting was closed with prayer.