

Presbytery Meeting Highlights

March 21, 2017

A SPECIAL MEETING of the Presbytery was held at West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood on Tuesday, February 21, 2017 to continue the discussion of the Mission Study Team Report. No action items were considered.

*The Moderator has called two **SPECIAL MEETINGS** of the Presbytery to be held as noted to continue the discussion of the Mission Study Team Report. Light refreshments at 5:15pm; Call to Order at 6:00pm. No action items are scheduled to be considered.*

- *April 26, 2017 at West Side Presbyterian Church, Ridgewood*
- *May 23, 2017 at First Presbyterian Church, Carlstadt*

The Presbytery met on Tuesday, March 21, 2017 at the First Presbyterian Church in Hackensack, NJ. Prior to the meeting Winds of the Spirit resourced a workshop on immigration issues and sanctuary churches.

After the call to order, prayer, opening business, evening prayer, and a presentation by Winds of the Spirit, the Presbytery elected additional officers: COM: Peter Carey, David Kuenzler, and Joan Davies; Council: Bill Burdick, Roger Widicus, and Betty Jane Christensen; and Staff Search Committee: Timothy Son and Bill Burdick.

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

The Presbytery approved the recommendations of the Committee on Preparation for the ordination of Kaylin Milazzo, and also examined and approved Tim Yi to move from enquirer to candidate for ministry.

The Presbytery approved the recommendations of the Committee on Ministry to transfer Justin Choi to “at large,” approve the honorable retirement of Jean Holmes, approve the extension of officers terms at Grace, Wayne, approve the call of Leah Fowler to Leonia, and approve Lou Kilgore to Moderate at Pompton Valley. The Presbytery then examined and approved Bruce Ballentine for membership and voted to request he be transferred from Philadelphia Presbytery to Palisades Presbytery. The Presbytery considered a request for an administrative commission and voted to postpone this action until the June meeting of Presbytery.

The Presbytery approved Trustee recommendations to approve a cell tower at West Side, Ridgewood, and also to approve and pay any 2016 claims from the now closed Medical Wrap Around Plan that are filed by June 20, 2017. The Presbytery approved the recommended budget for 2017, with Personnel line items yet to be completed.

The SARC Task Force reported a report would be presented at the June Presbytery meeting. The Presbytery approved two special meetings of Presbytery as noted above, approved the Session Records Committee report, and approved the November Presbytery meeting at the Community Church in Ringwood.